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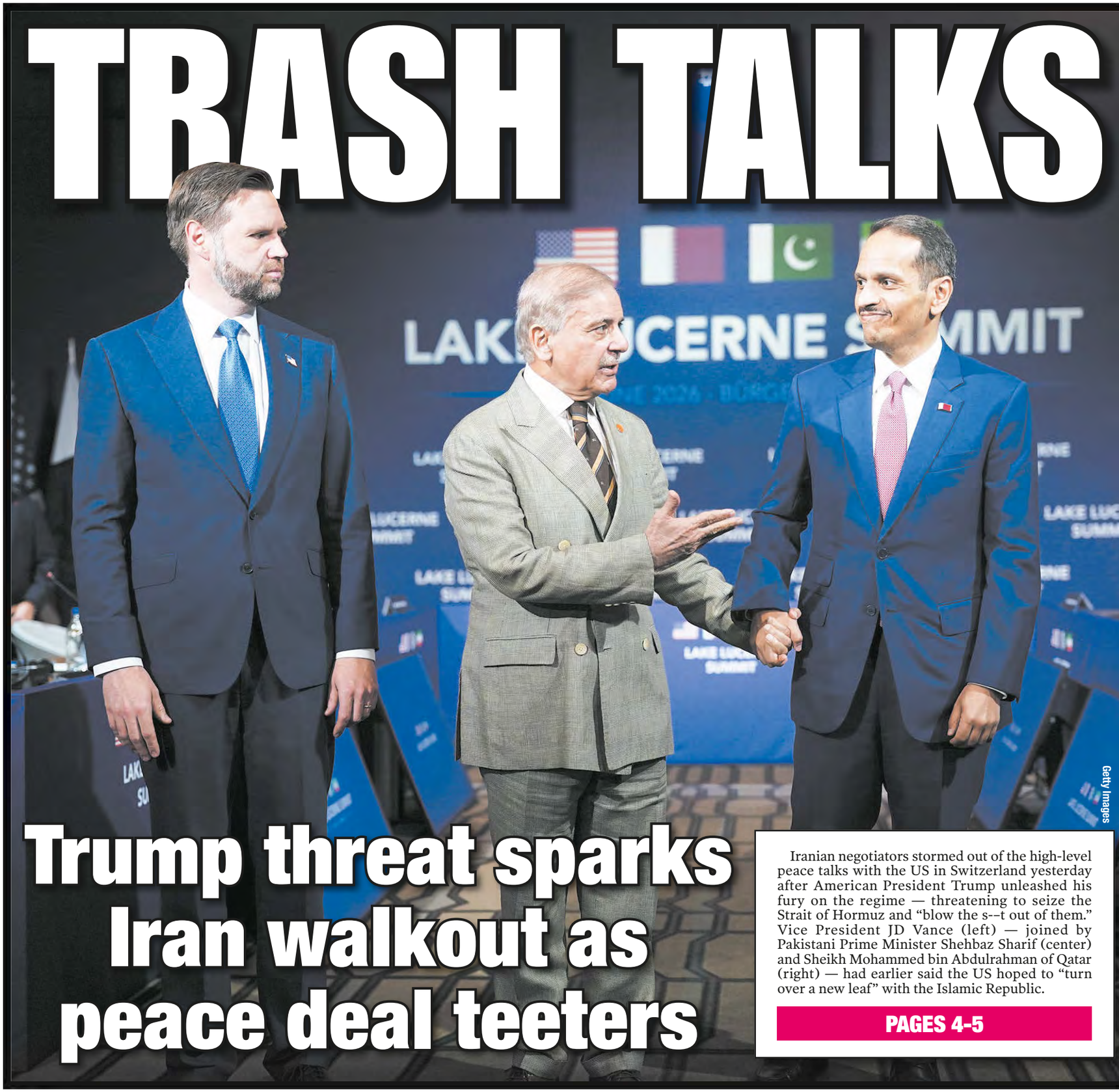

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Trump threat sparks Iran walkout as peace deal teeters

Iranian negotiators stormed out of the high-level peace talks with the US in Switzerland yesterday after American President Trump unleashed his fury on the regime — threatening to seize the Strait of Hormuz and "blow the s--t out of them." Vice President JD Vance (left) — joined by Pakistani Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif (center) and Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman of Qatar (right) — had earlier said the US hoped to "turn over a new leaf" with the Islamic Republic.

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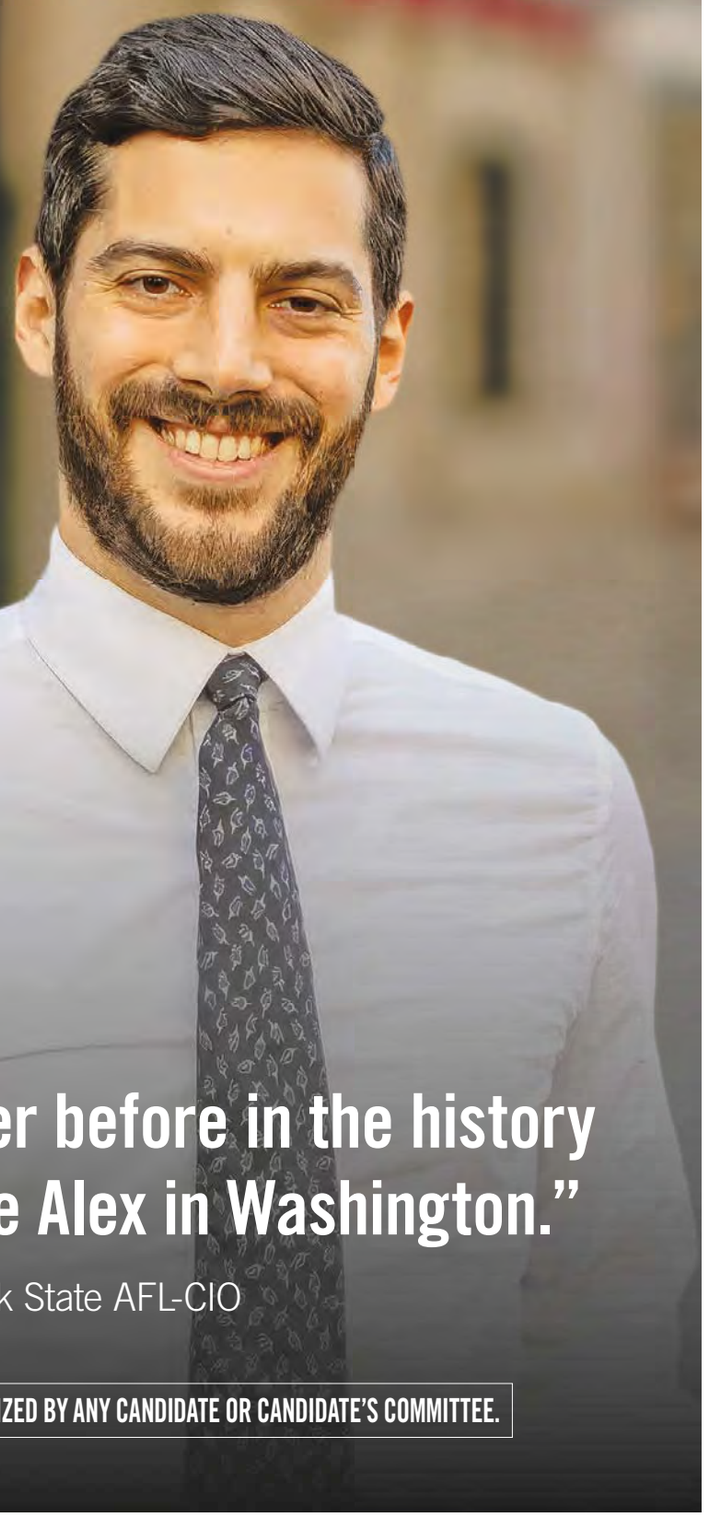

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Faint woe for Rod Stewart

Rod Stewart was forced to use an oxygen tank onstage when he nearly fainted during a Utah concert Friday night, weeks after canceling a series of gigs over health issues.

The 81-year-old rock legend was performing at the Utah First Credit Union Amphitheatre in West Valley City when fans noticed he wasn't moving around the stage as much as usual.

Stewart appeared to lean on instruments, stage barriers and a pole for support while continuing to perform, according to video obtained by TMZ.

At one point, attendants brought out an oxygen tank, and Stewart took several deep breaths before addressing the crowd.

"The show must go on," he told concertgoers. "I nearly f--king fainted there. Would you mind if I sit down for this one?"

The British star then finished the performance seated in a chair.

West Valley City sits roughly 4,300 feet above sea level, and the altitude may have played a factor in the singer's apparent discomfort.

The incident comes one week after Stewart canceled a June 12 concert in San Diego less than an hour before showtime. *Adam Silverstein*

Father's Day daddy issues

Victoria Beckham on Sunday extended an olive branch to estranged son Brooklyn by posting an image of him (left, in cap) with his father, David, and his siblings. Brooklyn did not respond, but his wife, Nicola Peltz, posted a snap of her with dad Nelson Peltz (above).

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WATER FOUL AT BEACHES

Shore closures

By DANIEL CODY

Public health officials across several states have issued water quality advisories and beach closures as the summer swimming season continues.

In states such as Massachusetts, New Jersey and Washington, authorities have restricted beach access due to elevated levels of bacteria, sewage contamination and urban runoff, according to Fox News.

These conditions are often associated with toxic algae blooms and increased bacterial growth.

In the city, advisories are in effect for Schuyler Hill Civic Association in the Bronx, Douglaston Manor in Queens, Gerritsen/Kiddie Beach in Brooklyn, and the swimming beach at Kingsborough Community College.

Testing at these locations revealed enterococci bacteria levels exceeding 100 per 110 milliliters, surpassing the marine water safety threshold of 104 per 100ml.

A report evaluating the 2025 summer season found that eight of 11 city beaches along the Long Island Sound received poor grades (D or F) for water quality.

Sewer systems

The report noted that several private membership clubs, including the White Cross Fishing Club, American Turners and Trinity Danish Young People's Society, were among the lowest-performing sites.

The primary cause of these poor water quality ratings is the proximity to aging combined sewer systems.

During storms, these systems can discharge untreated sewage mixed with rainwater directly into local waterways, contributing to bacterial accumulation.

New Jersey officials have issued swimming advisories for eight locations due to high fecal bacterial concentrations, including Ferry and Bay, Baywyn and Bay, Wildwood and Bay, Cedar Point Beach, Beachwood Beach West, Mirror Lake, Sleepy Lagoon and Vernon Valley Lake.

Bacteria, algae

Additionally, Breesley's Point Beach in Upper Township and Lake Meridian Park were fully closed to the public.

In Massachusetts, multiple beaches were closed after testing confirmed high levels of bacteria and the presence of algae blooms, including Damon Pond Beach, both beaches at Cliff Pond, Cochituate State Park, College Pond, both Fearings Pond beaches, Forest River and Juniper Point.

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources issued health alerts for more than five beaches following the detection of elevated E. coli levels. In Washington state, many of the advisories are listed as "permanent."

Health officials warn that swallowing contaminated beach water can cause severe illness.

Enterococci exposure typically triggers nausea, vomiting, watery diarrhea or painful skin and urinary tract infections.

E. coli poisoning manifests within days as agonizing abdominal cramps and debilitating, often bloody diarrhea, alongside a low-grade fever. In severe cases, especially among young children, E. coli can lead to life-threatening kidney failure, making immediate medical evaluation crucial if symptoms escalate.

AP Photo/Yahid Salemi

DEADLY DRESS CODE: Despite deadly crackdowns, many Iranian women are breaking the law by going out in public without hijabs.

A hi*jab* to brutal rules

Women defy regime

By RONNY REYES

Brave Iranian women are openly defying the theocratic country's oppressive hijab law — despite the risks following the regime's deadly protest crackdown.

After Iran's security forces killed at least 7,000 protesters in January, according to human rights groups, many women and girls have continued to stand in defiance of the regime by breaking the country's strict dress code.

Images out of Tehran last week show women of all ages out and about in casual clothes, including one woman sporting an "I Love NY" T-shirt.

Another woman was even spotted wearing a red T-shirt with an American flag on it, with many of the women opting for jeans over traditional dresses.

While many of the people breaking tradition were young women, older women were also pictured wearing more urban-casual outfits in the city streets.

The photos paint a picture of a chic Tehran compared to the Islamist regime's oppressive image.

"I think that if I am going to live the final seconds of my life, I want to live it the way I want," Mahyar Yeganeh, 16, told CBC News while out without any headscarves in Tehran's Grand Bazaar. "And this is connected to the courage of Iranian women still confronting a dictatorial government by any means."

Iran's law dictates that all women and girls over the age of 12 must cover their hair with hijabs and wear traditional clothes following the 1979 revolution.

The strict law gained international attention following the 2022 death of Mahsa Amini, 22, who died in police custody after being arrested for improperly wearing her hijab.

Since then, more women have been seen in public without the head covers, undeterred by the deadly crackdowns in 2022 or in January, which still has another 11,000 cases under investigation.

The streets of Tehran and other large cities have seen a clear transformation, with women out and about in casual clothes and riding scooters and Vespas.

Some women have speculated that Iran is purposefully giving people free rein for now to avoid another mass protest inside the nation as it deals with the current war with the US and Israel.

'TEHRAN'

Trump rages as Iran storms out of peace talks

By RONNY REYES

Iranian negotiators stormed out of the high-level peace talks with the US in Switzerland on Sunday after a frustrated President Trump unleashed his fury on the regime — threatening to seize the Strait of Hormuz and "blow the s--t out of them."

The talks were abandoned after just 80 minutes when the discussions entered a "difficult phase" following "an insulting message by the US president," Iran's state news agency reported.

Vice President JD Vance, who was spearheading the negotiations, had earlier said the US hoped to "turn over a new leaf" with the Islamic Republic.

The talks in the Qatari-owned mountaintop resort of Büergenstock in Switzerland were the first to be held under the terms of a memorandum of understanding (MOU) agreed upon a week ago.

But hopes of progress were swiftly dashed, and the diplomatic efforts were cut off when Trump, who had been criticized for being too soft on the regime with the MOU, warned that the US would hammer Iran if it didn't open the Strait of Hormuz and rein in its terrorist proxies.

'May take over'

The president's most explicit warning was aimed directly at Tehran's diplomats in Switzerland.

"You won't even make it back to your f--king country," an irate Trump told Iran's leaders, according to Fox News correspondent Trey Yingst.

"You close it, and you won't have a country," he said of the Strait of Hormuz.

"We may take over the Strait, if we have to. I'll blow the s--t out of them."

Iran's Revolutionary Guard Corps had claimed Saturday it was shutting down the critical waterway due to the continued fighting in Lebanon.

Iran also came into peace talks on Sunday wanting to prioritize discussions about Lebanon, where Israel's military has been fighting the Iranian-backed Hezbollah militant group.

The talks were supposed to address Tehran's nuclear program and the reopening of the strait; however, Iran said there could be no start to the next phase of negotiations until the fighting ends, the state news agency reported.

Trump also took to Truth Social to let out his rage, blaming Iran for the fighting and demanding that the regime keep Hezbollah in line.

"Iran must immediately stop their highly paid PROXIES in Lebanon from causing trouble," the president wrote. "If they don't we'll hit Iran very hard again, just like we did last week, only harder!!!"

The Islamic Republic's chief negotiator and head of Iran's parliament, Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf, slammed Trump's threats as an act of "desperation."

"We don't take the Americans' threats seriously," he said on X.

Ghalibaf went on to warn the president that any force would be met in kind.

"They had better watch their statements," he hit back.

"Our armed forces are ready to respond in another way.

DEAL TO SHREDS

NO WORDS: Vice President JD Vance looks on as Pakistani Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif (right) and Qatari Prime Minister Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman bin Jassim Al-Thani greet each other before the start of peace talks Sunday in Switzerland. Iran representatives refused a photo op before the start of the tense meeting, which lasted just 80 minutes.

Pool / AFP via Getty Images

Whatever they say, we are the ones who will act."

Ghalibaf and another of Iran's top negotiators, Minister of Foreign Affairs Abbas Araghchi, also refused to participate in a scheduled handshake and joint photo session event with the US team, according to Iran's Tasnim news agency.

The officials described the photo-op as an American "media show," with the optics raising worries that the US fumbled the start of the negotiations.

US officials, however, claimed there was no snub and that Iran was merely spreading opportunistic propaganda.

The US delegation in Switzerland was being led by Vance, along with special envoy Steve Witkoff and Trump's son-in-law, Jared Kushner.

'Still negotiating'

A senior US diplomat engaged in the negotiations later downplayed the diplomatic row, insisting that the peace talks remain ongoing.

"The Iranian delegation is still at the negotiating venue and the US delegation expects to continue working through the night," the official said, adding that the discussions have included "clarifying some of the confusing messaging from Iran on the Strait and building deconfliction mechanisms to ensure the Strait will remain fully open."

"We have also worked through deconfliction mechanisms and enforcing the cease-fire in southern Lebanon," the diplomat said.

The talks Sunday would be used "as a starting point for ongoing technical talks going forward," the official added.

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JD missing from the 'big picture'

The Iranians bragged that the Islamic Republic's foreign minister, Abbas Araghchi, snubbed Vice President JD Vance during a photo op before peace talks Sunday.

Footage showed Araghchi walking into the room where Vance, the rest of the US delegation and mediators were waiting in front of the cameras — before he was then captured leaving after embracing Pakistani Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif.

Vance was in the corner during the encounter.

Iranian state media also claimed that its delegation refused to participate in any joint media appearance before talks with the US — a claim that US officials have hit back at.

"Iranian representatives previously agreed to a press availability at the beginning of the meeting," a US official explained to The Post.

"They even brought state media with them to cover it, who were pre-staged at the event. Despite this, they left the meeting upon seeing the volume of press in attendance and then distributed an inaccurate account of the situation through state media."

Right before the talks got underway, Qatari Prime Minister Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al-Thani walked by Vance and embraced Sharif and Chief of Defense Forces Field Marshal Syed Asim Munir.

Progressives on social media described the moment as a snub of Vance by Qatar's top official; however, a US official told The Post that, in reality, the vice president met with Al-Thani for hours beforehand. *Ryan King*

Graham predicts a diplomacy fail

Sen. Lindsey Graham said on Sunday that he thinks the US peace talks with Iran are going to fail — and that President Trump is going to seize the Strait of Hormuz "by force."

Graham (R-SC) applauded Trump for trying to negotiate with the regime, but ultimately predicted that the 14-point memorandum of understanding signed last week, ushering in a 60-day period of peace talks toward a full-fledged deal, won't be fruitful.

"I'd rather try diplomacy than take it off the table," the lawmaker told CBS News' "Face the Nation" on Sunday.

"If you don't have a diplomatic path through the MOU, then you have to go to war or some other form of coercion. Let's try this. Let's try a diplomatic solution. I think it's going to fail," he added.

Graham warned that Trump will take control of the Strait of Hormuz by force and "obliterate" Iran if the talks collapse.

"I spent four-and-a-half hours with President Trump Friday. Here's what I think will happen next. If this deal fails, President Trump is going to take the Strait of Hormuz over by force," the hawkish senator explained.

"If Iran contests control of the Strait of Hormuz by the United States, we will obliterate them."

Graham also predicted that if Hezbollah attacks Israel, "the new policy will be, we will attack Iran." *Ryan King*

Opportunity for far-left candidates

By CARL CAMPANILE

The Democratic Party is run by a bunch of jackasses — according to its own members!

Frustrated Big Apple voters are fed up with Dem leaders, who they feel are failing to advocate for working people — and they want to clean house, according to a stunning new poll.

Half of Democratic voters polled in the 5 Borough Barometer survey, conducted by the Honan Strategy Group, signaled that electing a new generation of younger, more progressive members who will challenge the party establishment is a top priority in this year's closely watched congressional primaries.

The astonishing repudiation of the Democratic Party leadership comes as support for the party dwindles, according to the poll.

Only 63% of Democratic voters hold a favorable view of the party overall, while 35% — more than one in three — have an unfavorable view, the survey found.

The high level of discontent gives the Democratic Socialists of America and left-wing allies an opportunity to knock off more incumbents with their slate of insurgent candidates in Tuesday's primary elections, Honan Strategy Group president and CEO Bradley Honan said.

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HEALTHY COMPETITION: Forty-three percent of responders said primary challenges to congressional incumbents Adriano Espaillat (from left), Dan Goldman and Grace Meng would strengthen the party.

'Looking for change'

"It's startling. Democrats are flunking their party," Honan said.

"Party members are unhappy with their leadership. The party's voters are looking for change, and they are looking for it now."

Democratic incumbents facing primaries should be nervous.

Respondents were asked whether primary challenges to incumbent Reps. Adriano Espaillat, Dan Goldman, Grace Meng and Ritchie Torres are a healthy thing that will strengthen the party or a divisive distraction that would weaken Democrats.

A plurality (43%) said primaries were healthy, while only 13% said they were a distraction.

A little over a third (37%) said they were both.

D's get an 'F' from own party

When it comes to how the Dem establishment is failing voters, respondents made clear they felt the party is not doing enough to stand up for working-class Americans.

Almost 8 in 10 (78%) voters said the Democratic Party was doing only a fair (54%) or poor (24%) job fighting for working people, compared to 22% who said excellent (4%) or good (18%).

Meanwhile, when asked whether the Democratic Party at the national level is standing up to the Trump administration, 74% combined said it is not very effectively (52%) or not at all effectively (22%) pushing back on the president.

"The verdict is consistent and citywide," said Honan.

"New York City Democrats are not satisfied with where the Democratic party stands, and they are ready for it to change."

The DSA has made inroads in the party in New York City with their candidates toppling incumbents or the party establishment, starting with Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez's defeat of former Rep. Joe Crowley in 2018 and Zohran Mamdani winning the mayoralty last year, defeating ex-Gov. Andrew Cuomo.

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Rejoicings Over a Triumph in Chess.—*The Hampshire* (Mass.) *Gazette* says: "The rejoicing of the Amherst students over the victory of their fellows in the ball and chess contests with the Williams students, was great indeed. The returning victors were met at the depot and thence drawn about town in a carriage by the students. The enthusiasm of their rejoicing would seem to indicate that in their estimation a kingdom had been conquered." A correspondent adds: "When the news arrived that Amherst was victorious over Williams in the base ball games, there was, indeed, 'a sound of revelry by night;' but when the good angel bore the tidings of a second victory, shouting was not enough, cannon would not suffice, but a car for the victors, to be drawn by two hundred students, with banners and ensigns floating gaily in the breeze, was instantly forthcoming. Speeches and songs whiled away the daylight, and when night closed around, the ringing of bells and gleaming of bonfires wrought the stillness into a grand triumphal chorus. An extra *Express* is issued this week, containing a complete account of the games."

College baseball debuts

The Post is counting down to America's 250th birthday next year with a look back at the nation's — and the paper's — history. Every day leading up to the big event on July 4, 2026, we're publishing notable covers and stories from our archives:

First intercollegiate baseball game
July 13, 1859

The first intercollegiate baseball game included a side of chess. A two-day competition between Amherst and Williams colleges, it was designed as a contest of both muscle and mind.

On July 1, in Pittsfield, Mass., Amherst conquered its in-state rival by a final score of, unfathomably, 73-32.

The box score is hardly recognizable, and so, too, was the game: It was played on a square field, without foul territory. When the victors returned to Amherst, they were greeted by hundreds of cheering students.

"The enthusiasm of their rejoicing would seem to indicate that, in their estimation, a kingdom had been conquered," read a dispatch from The Hampshire Gazette reprinted in The Post.

Will Zimmerman

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Brezhnev grandkid Ukr. POW

The great-grandson of Leonid Brezhnev, leader of the Soviet Union from 1964 to 1982, has reportedly been captured by Ukrainian forces while fighting for Russia.

Anton Milaev, 45, the adopted grandson of Brezhnev's daughter, lost contact with his family in November after joining Russia's military as an elite combat engineer, media reported.

Months later, his loved ones were told he was a prisoner in a de-occupied area of Ukraine's Kherson region, according to Russian Telegram channel Baza.

A similar Telegram post by Serhiy Sternenko, adviser to Ukraine's defense minister, was shared on Thursday.

The exact circumstances of his capture and any chance of a prison swap remain unknown.

Milaev last posted photos of himself on Russian social media platform VKontakte in January 2025, wearing his military uniform and sporting the call sign "Udacha."

"This history of the family of the General Secretary [Brezhnev] . . . after the collapse of the Soviet Union has taken on a paradoxical development," a post on Russian social media said.

Anna Young

Flyer 'bite' bedlam

An American Airlines flight turned into a midair nightmare Sunday when a passenger allegedly bit a fellow flier as the plane descended over Philadelphia.

Frantic radio transmissions from the pilot revealed that an onboard traveler had become dangerously aggressive, CBS said.

"He's trying to fight everybody," the pilot said as he requested police and emergency medical teams to meet the aircraft upon landing.

The flight had departed from Charlotte, NC, and was nearing Philadelphia when the chaos erupted.

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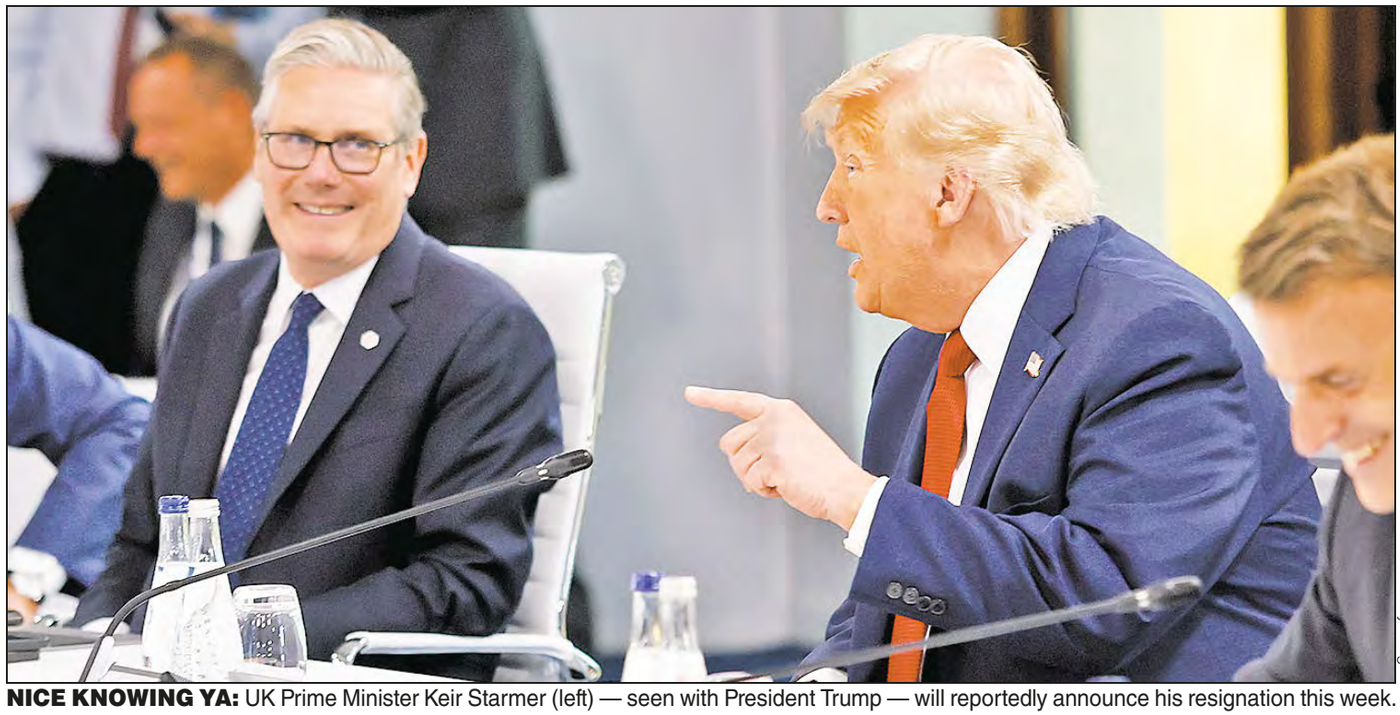

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NICE KNOWING YA: UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer (left) — seen with President Trump — will reportedly announce his resignation this week.

Don 'pre-announces' UK PM's resignation

By RYAN KING

President Trump publicly revealed that Keir Starmer is quitting before the United Kingdom's prime minister announced his departure from 10 Downing Street to the public.

Trump, 80, who clashed with Starmer, 63, over Iran and other hot-button issues, trashed the unpopular Labour Party leader before wishing him well.

"Keir Starmer will resign as Prime Minister of The United Kingdom," Trump posted on Truth Social. "He failed badly on two very important subjects — IMMIGRATION AND ENERGY (OPEN NORTH SEA OIL!).

"I wish him well!"

Multiple reports indicate that Starmer intends to resign as prime minister as soon as Monday amid his rising unpopularity and a loss of confidence in him from the Labour Party, whose Parliament members are trying to make room for Andy Burnham to become their leader.

Starmer has yet to confirm his forthcoming resignation. However, one of his top allies, Business Secretary Peter Kyle, publicly refrained from ruling out the possibility of Starmer stepping down.

Starmer had attempted to court friendly ties with Trump to maintain London's "special relationship" with the US. He faced difficulties navigating Trump's tariff storm, but ultimately managed to cut the first major trade deal with the US under the president's second term, with any other country.

Things hit a snag during the Iran war, in particular after Starmer repeatedly rebuffed pressure from Trump to get involved militarily. Starmer also initially hampered the US from using key bases to carry out the attacks against Iran, but ultimately reversed course.

'Genuinely shocked'

"I know we're mostly inured to Donald Trump's disregard for institutional norms and proprieties, but pre-announcing the resignation of the prime minister of America's supposedly most important ally is pretty extreme, even by his standards," British journalist Robert Peston wrote on X in response to Trump's post.

"UK ministers are genuinely and understandably shocked."

Peston claims that he was told by a UK Cabinet official that Starmer "has genuinely not made a decision to quit, or at least he hasn't yet."

The UK has had four different prime ministers since 2022 as it grapples with an economic malaise and political discontent. Starmer in 2024 had led the Labour Party's return to power for the first time since 2010. But since then, his popularity has tanked.

Some polls have shown Starmer's favorability below 20%.

Burnham is generally seen as more left-leaning than Starmer and as one of the Labour Party's most talented communicators at the moment.

NYPD sergeant 'hit' by crazed carjacker

An NYPD sergeant was struck by a suspect in a stolen car and went airborne during a multi-borough chase Sunday evening — before another officer shot the unwieldy suspect, police said.

The crazed carjacker is accused of striking several officers after being surrounded by cops in the Fordham section of The Bronx and trying to break through, Aneudy Castillo, Commanding Officer of Patrol Borough Bronx North, said at a press conference Sunday night.

Authorities had received an alert from a license plate reader that a silver Kia Sport with New Jersey license plates that had been stolen on Saturday was traveling through Washington Heights around 5:35 p.m., Castillo said.

The officers secretly trailed the stolen Kia until the car stopped and let a passenger out before ultimately stopping in front of a building on East Fordham Road between Webster and Decatur Avenues, police added.

Six unmarked cop cars surrounded the Kia, as police officers jumped out to plead with the driver to get out of the car.

The alleged carjacker then reversed and hit an unmarked police car and multiple members of the NYPD — before putting the Kia into drive and striking a sergeant, sending him flying to the ground, sources and cops said.

Another cop, who climbed onto an unmarked vehicle to avoid being struck, pulled out a gun to shoot the suspect as he tried to reverse with multiple officers still surrounding the car, Castillo described. *Joe Marino, Larry Celona and Zoe Hussain*

Tenn. good reasons biz quittin' city

Mam leads the list

By GEORGIA WORRELL

Look out Florida and Texas, Tennessee wants a slice of New York City's pie, too.

Nashville is emerging as yet another pro-business powerhouse poised to take jobs away from the Big Apple, as socialist Mayor Mamdani pushes tax hikes and other policies critics say are driving companies to flee, the head of an influential New York business group warned Sunday.

"I think the most important thing as we get into the latter portion of this year is that the City Council starts to think about the fact, with the mayor, that New York City is on a trajectory that we're less and less competitive every single day," Steve Fulop, CEO of the Partnership for the City of New York, said Sunday on 77 WABC radio's "Cats Roundtable."

"Dallas and Miami and Nashville are actively pushing strategies to take jobs away" from New York, Fulop told the show host and billionaire businessman John Catsimatidis.

Moves have begun

The warning comes as a growing number of financial heavyweights and major corporations have already begun shifting their workforces to lower-cost states, while Mamdani, a democratic socialist who campaigned on a freebie-filled progressive agenda, continues floating a menu of tax increases.

His proposals include higher income taxes on the wealthy, increased estate taxes and steeper corporate levies.

But taxes aren't the only factor pushing businesses across state lines, according to Fulop.

"I'm not only talking about taxes, [but] bureaucracy and layers of reporting and more difficulty to run a business," he said.

"All of that stuff layers on top of one another and makes it pretty difficult to run a business in New York City."

The concerns aren't just hypothetical.

Big firms eye exit

Earlier this year, Wall Street giant Apollo Global Management revealed plans to establish a second US headquarters somewhere in the Sunbelt, with Nashville landing on a short list, alongside locations in Texas and South Florida.

While Apollo execs have yet to announce a final decision, the new office is expected to employ 1,000 people, matching the company's New York workforce.

The $900 billion asset management firm paid roughly $1.28 billion in total income taxes in to the city in 2025.

Music City has become increasingly attractive to other corporate giants across the US.

Seattle-based coffee giant Starbucks, for example, reportedly pledged to invest $100 million and bring 2,000 jobs to a major new corporate hub in Nashville.

Global investment management firm AllianceBernstein helped pave the way by relocating its headquarters from the Big Apple to Nashville in 2021.

RABBI: ZO

By CARL CAMPANILE

Mayor Mamdani has been blasted for fueling antisemitism and "inciting violence" against Jews after the socialist branded the American Israel Public Affairs Committee and its pro-Israel supporters "monsters" at a campaign rally.

Chaim Steinmetz, senior rabbi of Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun synagogue on the Upper East Side, said he was stunned by the mayor's flagrantly incendiary comments during a June 18 campaign rally with Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) and a slate of Democratic Socialists of America and progressive candidates ahead of Tuesday's primary elections.

"Mamdani is accusing AIPAC of being a monster that subverts democracy, supports genocide and wants to divide Americans. This is pure incitement," Steinmetz raged on social media.

The rabbi said comments like the mayor's inspire Jew haters like Elias Rodriguez — the man charged with killing two Israeli Embassy staff members in Washington, DC, in May 2025 — to "take violent action against AIPAC and its supporters."

'Fuel on the fire'

"Well, I'm an AIPAC supporter. And Mamdani is inciting hatred against people like me," he said.

In a fiery 30-minute tirade at the rally, Mamdani accused AIPAC of being "monsters" for spending "millions in dark money" to ensure pro-Israel candidates win seats in the November midterms.

"Now is the time of monsters. These monsters take many forms today. In those who fund . . . bad faith attacks . . . those who would rather spend far more on political contributions than they would ever be made to pay in taxes," Mamdani said during the event at the Kings Theatre in Brooklyn.

"In AIPAC, for whom the only thing more frightening than democracy being allowed to run its course is an end to genocide and {Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin] Netanyahu's wars," the mayor continued.

"They move millions in dark money to accomplish a single goal, to preserve their power so that they can turn us against one another."

However, Steinmetz says it is Mamdani who is "turning New Yorkers against each other in order to grab power."

"New York already has an antisemitism problem. Right now, you are pouring fuel on the fire," he wrote, directly addressing Mamdani.

"I shudder to think what happens next. But you will be responsible for it."

The head of the Simon Wiesenthal Center, a Jewish human rights organization, also slammed Mamdani's inflammatory remarks about AIPAC as abhorrent and bigoted.

"The claim that AIPAC exists not to pursue a political agenda, but to spread discord and wield influence for its own sake, is not new," said Simon Wiesenthal Center CEO Jim Berk.

'Same old story'

"Soviet anti-Zionist campaigns and earlier antisemitic movements similarly portrayed Jewish organizations as pursuing power not to achieve political goals, but because Jews themselves were said to crave influence and control," Berk continued.

"The suggestion that Jewish po-

FULL OF HATRED

Rips mayor for AIPAC 'monster' remarks

Nathan Posner/Shutterstock; AP Photo/Ryan Murphy; Robert Miller for NY Post

CHOICE WORDS: Rabbi Chaim Steinmetz (far left) said he was stunned by Mayor Mamdani's incendiary comments during a Thursday campaign rally (inset) with Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders.

litical participation is inherently suspect, illegitimate, or secretly manipulative is abhorrent. This is the same old story, retold in a new language."

The prominent Jewish activist said many advocacy organizations lobby, organize and support candidates — and their motives are assumed to be political.

"But when Jewish organizations alone are portrayed as uniquely divisive or corrosive, we cross into territory where old prejudices take root," Berk said.

Mamdani's comments come amid a rise in antisemitism, growing opposition to Israel in the Democratic Party and turmoil in the Middle East involving the US, Iran, Israel and Iranian-terrorist proxy Hezbollah in Lebanon.

The pro-Palestinian mayor is an ardent foe of Israel and supports the boycott, divestment and sanctions movement against the Jewish state.

He has repeatedly claimed Israel's military has committed "genocidal war" in Gaza and even vowed last year to arrest Netanyahu for alleged war crimes.

The Post has reached out to Mamdani for comment.

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Q&A for 'Hamas slate'

Mayor Mamdani and his so-called "Hamas slate" of congressional candidates were interviewed last week by a terrorist-group sympathizer in a get-out-the-vote effort for Tuesday's primary election.

Accused hater Bartley Blakeley, who has several hundred thousand online followers across various platforms, posted her chats on Instagram with the far-left mayor and three House candidates he has endorsed: Brad Lander, Claire Valdez and Darializa Avila Chevalier.

"I call it the Hamas slate. Unfortunately, there's a lot of support for the Hamas slate," said Dov Hikind, a former Brooklyn state assemblyman and founder of Americans Against Antisemitism.

"The world is turned upside down," Hikind said. "To be part of the 'in' crowd, you have to support Hamas, Iran, Hezbollah and the Houthis."

In October 2024, Blakeley released a video on X with the hashtag "#sinwar," comparing murderous slain Hamas leader Yahya Sinwar to Martin Luther King Jr. and Nelson Mandela.

The provocateur wrote a few months earlier that she doesn't condemn or blame Hamas for the Oct. 7, 2023, massacre of 1,200 in Israel.

Blakeley said she was thrilled with the "comrade energy" of the interviews.

"I asked Mayor Mamdani's @nycmayor endorsed slate what's a bill they can prioritize collectively once in Congress? They've all committed to co-sponsoring the Block the Bombs Act, which is a great start!" Blakely posted.

Carl Campanile

Tragic MSG plunge

Christopher Sadowski; Jeff Kravitz; Patti Finelli

GRIM ACCIDENT: Paul Kueker (above) fell to his death Saturday at Madison Square Garden during a performance by Goose (below).

150-foot fall kills man at concert

By FENIX SURIEL, JOE MARINO and JORGE FITZ-GIBBON

A 51-year-old rock fan and married dad of two from Connecticut fell 150 feet to his death at Madison Square Garden during a weekend Goose concert, said authorities and his stricken family.

Green-energy executive Paul Kueker fatally plunged 150 feet from the Chase Bridge in the World's Most Famous Arena while the band was in full swing shortly before 10 p.m. Saturday, the day before Father's Day.

"He was the greatest kid in the whole wide world," Kueker's mother, Patricia Finelli, told The Post through tears Sunday. "He'd give you the shirt off his back.

"He has two children, a beautiful wife, and he took care of me like I was a piece of gold," she said.

Kueker, director of operations for "energy management" company Smartcon Solutions, was with his wife at the time, according to Fox News.

The Niantic, Connecticut, man was rushed to Bellevue Hospital after the fall, where he was later pronounced dead, police said.

He was on the Chase Bridge, an elevated seating section that was added to the arena in 2013, when he fell, Fox News said.

"At approximately 9:51 p.m. inside Madison Square Garden, officers observed a 51-year-old male unconscious and unresponsive," the NYPD said in a statement overnight.

Cops only added that the fan plunged from an "elevated position."

'Loss is felt deeply'

"We are heartbroken by the sudden passing of Paul Kueker," said William Brown, general manager of Smartcon, in a statement. "Paul meant the world to everyone at Smartcon.

"He was an extraordinary person and a valued member of our team, and the loss is felt deeply across our entire company. Our thoughts are with his family and loved ones during this incredibly difficult time. He will be profoundly missed."

Goose, a Connecticut-based jam band, was booked for a two-night gig at MSG as part of its summer tour, and it was playing its second night there when the tragedy struck.

Goose completed its full 16-song set around midnight Saturday, after the fall.

"We are deeply saddened and heartbroken to learn of the tragic event that occurred at tonight's show," the band later said in a statement.

"We extend our deepest sympathies to everyone affected. Thank you to the emergency personnel and venue staff who stepped in with care and support."

The band was set to take the stage for a concert in Central Park on Sunday evening.

Saturday's grim tragedy occurred just days after the Knicks, who play home games at MSG, cemented their NBA Finals win.

The famed venue was the site of another fatal tragedy in 2023.

That's when Ernest Vogliano, 61 — the son of a once-prominent Big Apple restaurateur — died in a freak fall after a Rangers game.

Vogliano was riding an escalator railing in MSG when he plunged two to three floors to his death. *Additional reporting by Adam Silverstein*

4 shot in Harlem park

Four people — including two teens — were shot and wounded in a wild shootout that erupted at a Big Apple park Saturday night, cops said.

Police rushed to the Brigadier General Charles Young Park playground in Harlem around 1:15 a.m. and found a 16- and 17-year-old both shot in the left foot, a 20-year-old struck in the groin and a 21-year-old hit in the right leg, according to an NYPD spokesperson.

All four were transferred to a nearby hospital in stable condition.

Late-night footage from Freedom News showed police scouring the cordoned-off park, where juice bottles and soda cans were left scattered across picnic benches and trash was littered across the ground.

No arrests have been made. Police said there is currently no known motive and no suspect has been identified.

The investigation was ongoing. *Anna Young*

Gunfire at B'klyn club

A gunman wearing a T-shirt featuring a killer shark shot up a hip Brooklyn nightclub, wounding two men, cops said Sunday.

The bullets broke out at 23 Meadow St., which hosts the popular Brooklyn Monarch club, in East Williamsburg around 2:40 a.m. Friday, cops said.

The shooter riddled two men with bullets in the carnage, hitting one man several times on the left of his body — including in his arm, hip and buttocks — and striking a 33-year-old man in the thigh, police said.

The two victims are in stable condition at Woodhull Hospital, cops said.

The suspect was still in the wind. Police are encouraging anyone with information to report their tips to the Crime Stoppers website at https://crimestoppers.nypdonline.org/ or on X @NYPDTips. *David DeTurris*

DUSTIN NOLAN
Ripped "sanitized" news.

Anchor resigns on the air

An Iowa TV anchor choked up on air as he quit his job, and announced he was leaving journalism — before blasting his station for spewing "sanitized" news aims to avoid making viewers "uncomfortable."

Dustin Nolan, morning anchor for NBC-affiliate KWQC-TV 6 in Davenport, delivered the dramatic on-air resignation Friday, fighting back tears before issuing a stinging rebuke of the news station.

"I have chosen to step away from the news industry," said Nolan, who has worked at Gray Media-owned KWQC since 2022.

"I've always believed that we as a local news station owe you, the viewers, the best that we can do, because without you, none of us would be able to do this job," Nolan added.

"I also believe that we . . . have to be more than trends or sanitized news, because it makes people feel uncomfortable," he continued.

Anna Young

Creep lures teen at mall

A creep wearing a tacky jacket lured a 14-year-old girl away from a popular Staten Island shopping outlet and molested her, cops said.

The showy sicko, dressed in a garish blue, yellow and red jacket, first approached the teen outside of the Empire Outlets in St. George around 9 a.m. Saturday, police said.

The perv then took her in a taxi to an unknown location, police said. The teen fought off the man and fled to safety. The suspect is still at large. *David DeTurris*

$1.7M Chanel heist still *haute* stuff

JERRY CAPECI

MOB CHIC: Tommy Dono (in 2024 with missing arm, and file photo), is charged with leading a well-planned heist from the Midtown Chanel boutique (left).

Obtained by NY Post

RECORD AS LONG AS HIS 1 ARM

THOMAS "Tommy" Dono, a little-known, one-armed Gambino soldier who cut his mob teeth as a bank burglar and stole hundreds of thousands of dollars in the 1990s, still has the Midas touch, prosecutors say.

The gangster has been credited with pulling off a spectacular $1.7 million burglary of the Chanel boutique in Manhattan, the company's largest and most significant in the country, according to the Manhattan District Attorney's Office.

The blockbuster rip-off took place nearly two years ago. That's when Dono and a crew of 10 stole hundreds of items worth $1,776,700 from Chanel's flagship store at 15 E. 57th St. during a well-planned, three-hour caper that began Saturday, July 13, 2024, at 10:14 p.m., according to the court records.

Dono, 52, is alleged to have supervised the scheme from a white minivan parked at the store until 1:25 a.m. Sunday, July 14. That's when he drove away from the scene of the crime followed by a white Sprinter van filled with 10 large laundry and trash bags containing 300 Chanel items lifted out of a stockroom ceiling hatch, the prosecutors say.

According to surveillance video obtained by the NYPD, the bags of loot were carried down a rear fire escape exit by five crew members into an alleyway behind the store.

Then they took them into an East 58th Street building that was under construction at the time, lugged them onto the street and into the van.

Several of the burglars were dressed "as construction workers," the records say, and they gained access to the Chanel store by breaking through a stockroom ceiling hatch.

None of the stolen merchandise has been recovered, the records state.

Only Dono, who pleaded not guilty to grand larceny on May 19, has been arrested in the case. He was released on $300,000 bond by Judge Felicia Mennin, half of what the DA's office sought. The investigation is still continuing, and more arrests are expected.

Based on information in the court records and sources in the NYPD and DA's offices, Dono was quickly tabbed as a key player in the caper — because his left arm was amputated at the shoulder several years ago. Sources say the arm was injured in a car accident.

"Given his unique physical characteristics," the records state, he was "identified relatively early."

Investigators also found surveillance videos of Dono and the two white vehicles involved in the burglary parked outside a three-family home on Bay 10th Street in the Bath Beach section of Brooklyn on the same days they were allegedly used in the Chanel heist.

Sources say Dono, a nephew of Thomas "Huck" Carbonaro, the late Gambino soldier who was convicted of racketeering and the attempted murder of turncoat underboss Salvatore "Sammy Bull" Gravano, was inducted into the crime family five years ago following his release from prison for taking part in the 1998 murder of FBI informer Frank Hydell. Hydell was shot and killed outside a Staten Island strip club.

In 2008, Dono's racketeering indictment alleged that in 2001 he was proposed for membership in the crime family, "as a reward for crimes [he] committed on behalf of the family, including the murder of Hydell."

Sources say Dono, who resolved his Hydell case by taking a plea deal calling for a 15-year prison term, was released in 2021, and until last month had avoided any entanglements with the law. The wiseguy, the sources say, is currently a mobster in good standing under the octogenarian capo who took over Gravano's Brooklyn crew when he flipped, Louis "Big Lou" Vallario.

From Jerry Capeci's online column, ganglandnews.com.

Trashy! She steals Knicks-themed city can

An "incredibly stupid" woman was caught stealing an orange and blue Knicks trash can in New York City in a wild video that is taking social media by storm.

The woman — who is decked out in an orange hat, blue Knicks shirt and jean shorts — is seen dumping a mountain of trash out of the receptacle onto the sidewalk and marching away with the can while horrified spectators looked on.

She joins another person clad in Knicks attire before the video ends; it is unclear if the two were together.

"They'll be listed on Facebook Marketplace as "Rare Vintage Knicks Memorabilia" for $450 by tonight. Honestly, trying to lug a giant public sanitation bin onto the MTA during rush hour is peak New York dedication," one X user commented on the video.

It wasn't clear when the dirty deed took place. The DSNY and clothing brand Only NY teamed up to release the hand-painted trash cans. *David Spector*

Deal 'triggers' ire

ICE gets to train at Islip gun range

By BRANDON CRUZ

Islip has extended its controversial partnership with ICE, allowing agents to continue to train at a taxpayer-funded gun range in the Long Island town.

The deal — renewed in a 4-1 vote by the GOP-majority town council last week — has been in place for roughly two decades and lets dozens of federal agencies such as ICE, along with state and local groups, train at the town-owned shooting range in Suffolk County.

New language was included in the resolution that limits ICE's usage of the facility, although the site does not appear to have been employed for such purposes — leaving critics fuming.

The new language specifies that the range "shall not be used for detention, confinement, processing, transportation, housing, administrative operations, or any other non-training governmental purpose," according to the Islip Town Board.

Islip Town Supervisor Angie Carpenter added in a statement, "The resolution is to authorize Department of Homeland Security law enforcement officials to utilize the Town's gun range for firearms qualification and training only."

Very 'disappointed'

But Islip Democrat and Assemblyman Phil Ramos raged in a statement, "I am extremely disappointed that the Town of Islip chose to renew this agreement despite overwhelming concerns from residents, advocates, and community leaders.

"When local government provides facilities, resources, and support to an agency that has caused fear, family separation, and serious civil rights concerns in immigrant communities, it can no longer be dismissed as a routine administrative matter."

Kevin P. Coughlin

TAKING AIM: ICE and other law enforcement groups train at the town-owned Islip Rifle Range (left), despite the complaints of critics.

The town's contract with Immigration and Customs Enforcement first stirred controversy in July when ICE agents were spotted using the facility, infuriating foes who are part of a nationwide call to curb the agency amid alleged widespread abuses.

Carpenter responded at the time, "The Town's Rifle Range is one of the very few such facilities on Long Island and serves a vital role in the training of individuals from law enforcement agencies including but not limited to Nassau County Police, Sheriffs and DA . . . Farmingdale Police Department, [Amtrak] and the NYS Park Police."

But since then, protesters from the local advocacy group Islip Forward have piled into multiple town meetings demanding an end to the deal.

Lone Democratic board member Jorge Guadrón — who previously had his motion to end the town's contract with the feds shot down in August — voted last week against renewing the contract, which will be in effect until June 30, 2028, with an option to extend it for another three years after.

A handful of protesters attended Tuesday's meeting but did not make any public comments or outbursts.

"This fight does not end here," Islip Forward founder Ahmad Perez later told The Post.

PAUL RUPP
Write-in win for Islip.

Mayor who didn't even run

A tony waterfront Long Island village that couldn't find anyone to run for mayor just elected an ex-pol who wasn't even on the ballot.

Paul Rupp, 66, won election as Bayville's mayor June 16 after receiving 519 votes in a bizarre write-in campaign — despite not running for office and even endorsing another guy just days before the wild situation.

Rupp — who previously served as Bayville's mayor from 2014-18 and as a village trustee for eight years before that — posted on Facebook two days earlier that he had been approached by multiple residents asking if he would accept the position as mayor if written in.

The ex-pol graciously said he would do the job if asked — after no one filed paperwork to run for the office.

"I would be honored to serve our Village once again," he wrote in the post — just after endorsing former village trustee and Deputy Mayor Joe Russo.

Roughly 1,400 voters cast a ballot for mayor in the village of 7,000, with 46 different names being written in by various residents.

In his post, Rupp listed affordability, transparency and infrastructure as his biggest priorities when he takes office. *Brandon Cruz*

Prediction mart eye on Mamdani-backed hopefuls

Polling has been scant ahead of New York's key contested congressional primaries on Tuesday, but bettors on Polymarket are focusing on predicting the winner of four contests — including three in which socialist Mayor Mamdani has backed a candidate.

Five-term incumbent Rep. Adriano Espaillat was listed as having a 57% chance of winning re-election on the prediction market, compared to a 45% chance for Mamdani-backed Democratic socialist insurgent Darializa Avila Chevalier in the 13th House district.

Meanwhile, Mamdani-backed Democratic Assemblywoman Claire Valdez has an 83% chance of winning, compared to 18% odds for Brooklyn Borough President Antonio Reynoso in the race to succeed retiring Rep. Nydia Velázquez in Brooklyn-Queens District 7.

Former city Comptroller and mayoral candidate Brad Lander has a 99% chance of winning Manhattan's affluent 10th District,

In the Upper East and Upper West sides, bettors are banking on Assemblyman Micah Lasher, giving him a 59% chance of replacing retiring Rep. Jerry Nadler. *Carl Campanile*

$11K/sq. ft. West Village apt. sets record

P'HOUSE IS $KY HIGH

By MARY K. JACOB

Is the West Side Highway the new Billionaires' Row?

A downtown skyscraper has quietly become the city's newest billion-dollar building, and it isn't finished yet.

The duplex penthouse at 80 Clarkson St., a luxury condominium rising at the edge of the West Village along the Hudson River, has gone into contract for $80 million, according to people familiar with the deal.

At $11,236-per-square-foot, the deal will be the most expensive residence by price-per-square-foot in downtown Manhattan history once it closes.

The contract comes just weeks before the city's new *pied-à-terre* tax takes effect July 1, so buyers with deep pockets can luckily avoid paying taxes for this year on it.

Christine Miller Martin and Kyle Blackmon of Compass represented the elite buyer, but declined to comment on who it is.

The four-bedroom, six-bathroom penthouse spans 7,120 square feet of interior space, with an additional 921 square feet of private outdoor terraces and loggias.

Tallest condo

At roughly 400 feet above street level, it is the highest condominium ever built in the West Village.

The contract is the most expensive in downtown Manhattan this year, and the second-largest for a city condominium in 2026, surpassing a unit at 1122 Madison Ave. that went into contract in February.

The deal is far from the only headline the building has generated.

A separate residence at 80 Clarkson is pending for $129 million, making it the most expensive sale in downtown history by total price once it officially closes. A third unit asking $75 million is also under contract. Rumor has it the development team is firm on prices.

"They're incredibly tough on pricing and not budging," Clayton Orrigo of Compass, who has sold more than $250 million worth of residences at 80 Clarkson, but was not involved in this particular deal, told The Wall Street Journal.

Taken together, the building developed by Zeckendorf Development and Atlas Capital Group, with The Baupost Group, has now seen more than $1 billion worth of apartments go under contract since sales quietly launched in 2025.

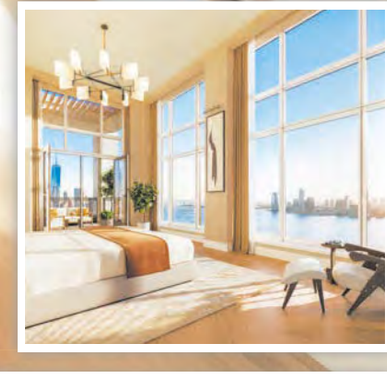
The broader luxury market appears to be absorbing the incoming tax with little resistance. The number of contracts signed on Manhattan homes priced at $4 million or more has risen in recent weeks, according to data from Olshan Realty.

Over the past 14 weeks, nearly a quarter of all contracts signed were for listings asking $10 million or more.

Downtown has seen a surge of trophy transactions in recent months. A West Village townhouse sold for $70 million earlier this year, and the penthouse at 70 Vestry St. closed for $57 million. The penthouse at 140 Jane St. entered contract last listed at $87.5 million.

Designed by CookFox Architects with interiors by the late Thierry Despont, whose previous credits include 220 Central Park South, 80 Clarkson will eventually hold 112 residences across two limestone towers reaching approximately 420 and 490 feet, respectively.

The building offers more than 50,000 square feet of amenities, including an 82-foot lap pool, a winter garden with palm trees, a sports court, a golf simulator and private dining.



VIEW TO A THRILL: An $80 million penthouse at 80 Clarkson boasts a floating spiral staircase and incredible views (middle and bottom inset), and the building includes an 82-foot pool (top inset).

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Guests 'ran back in'

TRAGIC: One person was killed and 1,700 others were evacuated as the blaze ripped through the Dominican hotel.

Reuters

'Eyed their property' in DR resort inferno

By DANIEL CODY

Terrified guests at the torched Dominican resort ignored the chaos and tried to charge back into the inferno for their belongings, says a hotel worker present during the calamity.

"Nothing is more valuable than your life," hotel staffer Sara Calabria, 27, told the Daily Mail.

"No object, no material possession," she continued.

Photos and video shared by Calabria on social media show the blaze ripping through thatched roofs and other buildings at Wyndham's Viva Dominicus in Bayahibe, a small fishing village in the Dominican Republic's Altagracia province.

While the inferno grew by the minute guests and staff ran around in all different directions.

"I saw people wanting to go back to their rooms to get their bags asking if it was possible," said Calabria. "Don't risk everything for nothing."

Calabria is solemn about her home and livelihood being destroyed.

"It pains me to see what has been my workplace, but also my second home, destroyed," said Calabria. "It hurts to see my office reduced to ashes."

Calabria is the sister of famous Italian soccer player Davide Calabria, who played for AC Milan and now plays in Greece.

Weather played role

The out-of-control fire killed one person and forced the evacuation of 1,700 people on Friday.

The deceased, 46-year-old Italian national Francesca Valentino, was visiting family in the Dominican Republic before her tragic death.

Authorities say that weather conditions and flammable building materials are to blame.

"Preliminary observations indicate that the fire spread rapidly due to the flammable nature of parts of the roof structures made of palm, as well as wind conditions," the Dominican Emergency Operations Center said.

"Viva Wyndham Dominicus Beach Hotel experienced a fire yesterday," said Wyndham in a statement.

"The Emergency Operations Center in conjunction with various regional fire departments contained the fire," the statement continued.

"Hotel teams safely evacuated guests and staff. However, we are saddened that one guest perished, and we send our thoughts to the family while we await autopsy results to determine the cause.

"At this time the hotel, which is independently owned and operated, is closed and will remain so until further notice."

SARA CALABRIA
Hotel staffer who posted video.

Trump's Chicago ire at JB

President Trump tore into lefty Illinois Gov. JB Pritzker on Sunday over violence in Chicago — after a bloody weekend in the Windy City left at least five people dead and 22 others wounded, according to reports.

The president's message came after at least 12 people were injured Friday when a pair of gunmen unleashed a barrage on a crowd celebrating Juneteenth on the city's South Side, according to Chicago police.

The drive-by shooting erupted just after 11 p.m. in the Princeton Park neighborhood when two thugs inside a red SUV opened fire on the gathering before speeding off, cops said.

The shooters were still on the loose Sunday morning, when Trump blasted Pritzker for failing to get the violence under control.

Hours earlier, a 29-year-old man was killed and an elderly bystander wounded in another drive-by shooting in the West Pullman area, the Chicago Sun-Times reported.

Three more men — ages 33, 34 and 50 — were killed in separate shootings across the city Friday night.

And early Saturday, a 37-year-old man was fatally shot in the neck in Chicago's Bridgeport neighborhood.

Georgia Worrell

Union Sq. chess slash

A man was slashed from behind while playing chess in Union Square on Sunday morning, according to cops and sources.

The chess player, 62, was sitting at a table in the park's game area when a person snuck up and cut him along the back, police and law-enforcement sources said.

The assailant then ran away on foot, cops said.

Cops said it's unclear why the assailant slashed the player and if the incident was chess-related.

EMS rushed the wounded man to Bellevue Hospital, where he is in stable condition, according to authorities. *David DeTurris*

Ro stands by his Graham, but 'believes vics'

California Rep. Ro Khanna has once again asserted that he believes the women who have accused Maine Democrat Graham Platner of being physically rough with or mistreating them — but is standing by him nonetheless.

Khanna (D-Calif.), who was an early backer of Platner, contended that the oyster farmer had redemption and underscored his goal of ensuring Democrats flip Maine's Senate seat.

"I do believe those women. And I have said that his past conduct was shameful, and I totally condemned it," Khanna told "Fox News Sunday."

While Khanna claims he believes Platner's accusers, the candidate himself has denied some of their key claims, particularly the part about him being physically rough, though he has copped to being a bad boyfriend in the past.

Numerous women have come forward about their experiences with him.

One of them, Lyndsey Fifield, claimed that Platner was physical with her. Platner denied it and argued the charges were "politically motivated." *Ryan King*

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TULSI'S EVIDENCE: On her last day in office Friday, former Director of National Intelligence Tulsi Gabbard (left) released declassified evidence related to Dr. Anthony Fauci's (top) alleged role in covering up the origins of COVID-19.

Getty Images; AP

Fauci coverup ran very 'deep'

ON her final day as director of national intelligence Friday, Tulsi Gabbard released damning declassified evidence accusing Dr. Anthony Fauci of causing the COVID-19 pandemic, engaging in a cover-up about the virus origins in China and lying to Congress about it.

Perhaps most disturbingly, he was assisted by the US intelligence community.

"It's time you know the truth," said Gabbard when she released "never-before-seen communications and documents exposing how Dr. Fauci provided millions in US taxpayer dollars to fund dangerous gain-of-function research at the Wuhan lab, worked with politicized elements within the Intelligence Community to suppress the truth about his actions and hide the virus' lab-leak origins, and lied to Congress while under oath in 2024 . . . The tactics used to hide the truth are straight from the deep state playbook."

Right on cue, two days after the bombshell release, on Sunday, The Washington Post ran a 9,000-word hit piece accusing Gabbard of taking instructions from a Hindu "cult leader" described in the headline as her "guru."

It was a gratuitous exercise in guilt-by-association masquerading as an investigation, another tactic straight from the deep state playbook.

Meanwhile, The Washington Post did not publish a word about Gabbard's Fauci revelations.

Nor, for that matter, did any mainstream outlet on the left.

Fauci protected

The same news organizations that helped cover up the origins of the COVID-19 pandemic, now overwhelmingly believed to have come from a leak from China's Wuhan Institute of Virology, are still refusing to come clean. On liberal social media platform Bluesky, they're still talking about wet markets and pangolins.

Meanwhile, Fauci, 85, on a handsome government pension, holds a prestigious role as "Distinguished University Professor" at Georgetown University and is showered with rich awards for "defending science."

Gabbard's revelations go some way to explaining the surreal disconnect.

Fauci is protected by the deep state and its tentacles, which extend deep into the media, academia and other reputation-enhancing institutions.

His "close relationships" with the intelligence community "shielded him from scrutiny as he wielded outsized influence," said Gabbard.

"Fauci was the behind-the-scenes advisor who, alongside his hand-picked so-called experts, pushed the intelligence community to endorse a natural, animal origin to hide his dangerous gain-of-function research that he funded using taxpayer dollars."

Gabbard, who had to leave the role due to her husband's illness, did her best to fight for transparency against an array of forces in Washington that regarded her as a loose cannon and sought to shut her out.

But President Trump has installed bulldog Bill Pulte as her interim successor, despite the best efforts by the Senate to expedite the confirmation of Jay Clayton, the former SEC chairman whom Trump has named the next DNI. Trump intervened (ostensibly for another reason) to slow the process, giving Pulte time to look for more bodies.

Paul challenges pardon

Meanwhile, Fauci's nemesis, maverick Republican Sen. Rand Paul, has again sent criminal referrals to the DOJ against Fauci for the 2024 alleged perjury Gabbard detailed in her Friday dump.

Perhaps more significantly, Paul insists the 11-year blanket pardon Joe Biden issued for Fauci, in his last minutes on his last day in office, should be challenged in court, both because it was signed with an autopen and because of its rare retrospective nature.

Curiously, Fauci's pardon stretches back to the exact date of Hunter Biden's retrospective blanket pardon: January 1, 2014, and encompasses his oversight of NIH/NIAID funding of gain-of-function research at the Wuhan lab, via the New York-based cut-out EcoHealth Alliance.

The now-defunct EcoHealth was a non-profit supposedly devoted to predicting future pandemics, situated in a nondescript Manhattan office building. Its enigmatic founder, Peter Daszak, received millions of dollars in various grants from Fauci's outfit, but his biggest donor was the Department of Defense, which gave him more than $40 million for the purpose of "combating weapons of mass destruction."

Back in August 2021, I was told by a former EcoHealth employee, who requested anonymity, that Daszak had been "approached by the CIA in late 2015" to help access the Wuhan lab, believed to be a Chinese military operation.

Daszak later told House Oversight Committee Chairman James Comer that he had been contacted by the CIA and other intelligence agencies, although he didn't say when.

If the intelligence community knew about the dangerous gain-of-function research on bat coronaviruses at Wuhan, did it know about evidence of a potential leak as early as August 2019?

That was the start of a dramatic increase in car traffic around major hospitals in Wuhan, in the late summer and fall of 2019, long before the outbreak was reported to the world.

A Harvard Medical School study published in June 2020 found that aerial images captured by private satellites of five Wuhan hospitals suggested a health crisis was underway at the time.

Traffic and parking lot volume were compared with the same period in 2018. There was "a steep increase in volume starting in August 2019," says the paper, "culminating with a peak in December 2019," the date of the first confirmed COVID-19 case.

Between September and October 2019, five of the six hospitals showed the most traffic, "coinciding with elevated levels of [Chinese search engine] Baidu search queries for the terms 'diarrhea' and 'cough.' "

Iran distraction

Back in the US, in August 2019, an anonymous whistleblower, now known as CIA analyst Eric Ciaramella, lodged the complaint that led to Trump's Ukraine impeachment.

The White House was consumed by the impeachment during the fall and winter of 2019, when the COVID-19 virus started circulating in the US.

Today, the White House is distracted by Iran, so transparency about the role of the intelligence agencies in protecting Fauci and covering up the origins of the pandemic is probably not a priority.

Despite Gabbard and Senator Paul's efforts, there is a distinct possibility that nobody will be held accountable for what Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. last week called "among the most consequential crimes in human history."

Maybe some secrets are just too terrible to be told.

New York Post, Monday, June 22, 2026 nypost.com

Island big poshes out hotelier

A new book reveals a bizarre feud between **André Balazs** and the former political leader of St. Barts — with the hotelier claiming the pol sabotaged his attempt to build a hotel on the island.

In "Treasured Island: The Story of St. Barth . . . and its Barbarians, Billionaires and Beauties," author **Michael Gross** claims the beef began decades ago when Balazs was dating **Uma Thurman**, and the Standard founder claims local big **Bruno Magras** tipped off paparazzi when the couple came to the island. (Balazs dated the Hollywood legend from 2003 until 2007.)

But it got uglier, according to Balazs — who has owned the Chateau Marmont in LA, the Mercer Hotel in Soho, Sunset Beach in the Hamptons and the Chiltern Firehouse in London, among others — when he tried to build an eco-hotel behind the dunes of the famous nude beach Saline.

The project was sunk when 1,200 island residents signed a petition opposing it.

Still, Balazs now alleges to Gross the real problem was that Magras made a deal with a new island homeowner, Russian oligarch **Roman Abramovich**, to expand his nearby property instead of backing the hotel.

Magras dismissed Balazs' accusations as "intellectual masturbation" and, oddly, "cat food."

Offered the last word by Gross, Balazs stuck to his story of "corruption so severe" his lawyer "couldn't penetrate it."

He still owns the land, he says. "I guess I can camp out on it one day," he quipped.

The book, from Harper Collins, is out now.

Gross is the author of nearly a dozen books on the American upper classes, including "Flight of the WASP: The Rise, Fall, and Future of America's Original Ruling Class," "Focus: The Secret, Sexy, Sometimes Sordid World of Fashion Photographers" and "Rogues' Gallery: The Secret Story of the Lust, Lies, Greed, and Betrayals That Made the Metropolitan Museum of Art."

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Snow 'Angel' fête

BOOK your private plane now! **Lee Schrager**, the creator behind Food Network South Beach and NYC Wine & Food festivals, has teamed with Whispering Angel rosé founder **Sacha Lichine** to bring the event international. We hear they are coming to the glam Swiss destination Gstaad June 24 to 27, 2027. The ski town is known for attracting the jet set and has served as a vacation spot for everyone from Audrey Hepburn and Princess Diana to **Madonna**, Valentino and **Anne Hathaway**. We hear the festival will include top chefs such as **Alain Ducasse** and wineries including Chateau Cos d'Estournel. Limited tickets are set to go on sale later this summer.

Quinn-ing smile

THE breathtaking **Jane Seymour** (above) says the secret to aging well is to avoid procedures. "No lasers" and "no fillers," the "Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman" alum, 75, told us. "This is what happens," she said earlier this month, admitting that she isn't "trying to be 30 when [she's] 75." "I mean, maybe 60 would be nice," she quipped. "I've been playing a lot of older women," Seymour said. "And the truth is, for me personally, the kind of acting that I do is not about glamour, it's more about serious emotion, and for real authentic emotion, you need every muscle to work."

Swedish pop star and dancer Zara Larsson embraces that "Lush Life" onstage at the Parklife Festival in Manchester, England.

SplashNews.com

Champs take winning ways to Montauk

KNICKS players **Tyler Kolek** and **Miles** "Deuce" **McBride** brought their celebration out East this weekend. Fresh off Thursday's NBA championship parade through downtown Manhattan, the duo were spotted partying at Montauk hot spot the Surf Lodge on Saturday — even hopping onstage with the DJ. "The moment they got to the front, people recognized them and started cheering," a spy told Page Six. "The whole restaurant stood up and clapped, and then the whole deck." We hear Kolek and McBride got on the mike to lead chants of "Knicks in five" and sang along to **Jay-Z**'s "Empire State of Mind" and **Ja Rule** and **Fat Joe**'s "New York," to an extremely hyped crowd. "The Kings of New York are now the Kings of Montauk," a reveler declared. Sources tell us the champs arrived around 6 p.m. and stayed until close. "They were partying, celebrating with their close friends and loved ones, dancing," said an insider. Another source added, "They are clearly having the time of their lives."

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New 'fake' news

AND now to see if the audience has been listening carefully. Page Six hears that pod god **Nayeema Raza**, of "Smart Girl Dumb Questions," did a live taping of an episode on "how to spot a grift, fraud or fake" at the Comedy Cellar, where she interviewed "London Falling" author **Patrick Radden Keefe** on what he'd learned about scammers and their habits. Those in the crowd who had been taking notes would have noticed that among them was none other than our favorite con *artiste*, **Anna Delvey**, aka the Fake Heiress. Others on the scene included **Isaac Chotiner** of the New Yorker.

A Will to succeed

WILL Ferrell has committed to the bit. The comic (above) was spotted making the rounds this weekend dressed as his character Lonnie Hawkins from his upcoming Netflix show, "The Hawk." Ferrell, dressed as the retired golfer on his way to a comeback, was spotted on the beach at Gurney's in Montauk. He was also seen walking in town wearing a sign that said, "It's a really good show," and handing out flyers encouraging people to tune in. He wore the same sign while chatting up people on Main Street in Southampton. Ferrell also made some stops in the city, singing "Sweet Caroline" with a crowd watching the World Cup at Brass Monkey. The show comes out July 16.

Bath gets steamy

"I'M so wet," groaned writer **Noelle Perdue** at an erotic literary reading as she climbed onto the stage directly out of an enormous hot tub, while dressed in jeans. "Is anyone turned on right now?" Perdue was giving a graphic exposition of the emergent wet denim fetish and how it confounds the old judicial principle that it's impossible to define pornography "but you know it when you see it." She was followed onstage by downtown enfant terrible **Caroline Calloway**, who read her own translation of Ancient Roman poet Sulpicia, which revealed that Augustine It girls sounded a lot like **Lena Dunham**. The event was hosted at the new Bathhouse in Downtown Brooklyn by **Camille Sojit Pejcha**, the sex and desire writer behind hit Substack newsletter Pleasure-Seeking. Also on the bill were **Tony Tulathimutte**, **Eliza McLamb**, **Magdalene Taylor** and **Grace Byron**. It's Pejcha's second time hosting a reading in a bathhouse. "A lot of literary readings are sterile and stuffy; if we're going to talk about desire, I think we should do it in an environment that fits the theme," she told us. "I like the bathhouse concept because it forces people to get out of their comfort zone, talk to strangers, and have an embodied physical experience — plus, almost no one is on their phone."

Benson Boone teases the fantasy-themed video for his song, "Time of My Life," with **Alix Earle**. It's set to thrill us all Thursday.

Instagram/@bensonboone

More celebrity photos at PageSix.com

Making a splash

YOU know it's a good party when women are jumping in the pool fully dressed. A source at **Lynn Buoniconti** and **Hank Stampfl**'s Dolce & Gabbana-themed birthday celebration in the Hamptons tells us guests were diving into the deep end in their designer dresses. Countess **Luann de Lesseps**, **Candace Bushnell** and event planner **Sofia Crokos** judged a fashion show and guests danced under a bubble machine as Stampfl, founder of event planning company Revel Rouge, sang his single "Feel Good."

Model dad & Tom

GISELE Bündchen seemed to snub her ex, **Tom Brady**, as the model celebrated her husband, **Joaquim Valente**, in a Father's Day post. "Happy Father's Day @joaquimvalente!" she wrote on Instagram yesterday. "Thank you for leading by example, and for the values you embody, love, humility, integrity, discipline, kindness and consistency," she said. "You are an incredible role model. We are all so grateful for you, and we love you so much." The supermodel also sent a shoutout to her father and to "all the dads out there." Photos show Valente with their son, born in February 2025, and **Vivian**, 13, and **Benjamin**, 16, the two kids she has with Brady.

Singer **Olivia Dean**, 27, is doubly pleased with herself after her concert in Paris last weekend.

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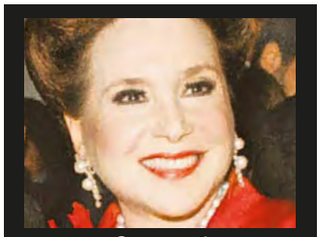

Cindy Adams

NAPLES airport. Once 12 flights a day. Every behind in every seat, probably even in the john. A Boeing 747. So busy the airport could've started its own city. Bustling, although you can still buy fresh mozzarella that's packed in Styrofoam to schlep home.

This was to be a nonstop full plane to Newark. 214 passengers. The day is hot, sweaty.

Some new registration of non-Europeans means passport control is now a good 90 minutes. Probably some leftover order Mussolini stuck in his will. Behinds get into seats. Purser gets on a mike. People know this is not a good sign and possibly worse than the coffee.

Voice: "We're assigned an unusually northern route over Iceland. This means extra fuel." Italian authorities don't allow refueling with passengers aboard. "So buses are coming back to bring passengers to the terminal again."

Yeah, right. Rumpled perspiring bodies line up. It's broiling. The aircraft could have run on perspiration alone. All lumber back to the ancient creaky bus that was possibly put together before the Edsel. Few cool seats. Most cling to anything like it's the L train to Canarsie. 25 minutes later it's back aboard in sweaty seats.

Comes another announcement. "Great news. Also not such great news. We're assigned a much quicker journey to the States. Direct. Over Sardinia. Over Barcelona." The voice says: "The flight now will be nine hours. That's the great news. Not so great is we'll have to circle 90 minutes to use up the extra fuel. But — pay attention. You ready now? We were headed to Newark. We're now going to Albany." *Albany?!*

This state's capital did *not* look like the Via Veneto.

Wirelmage

Edie Falco's coming here this summer for a special reading.

A 'Magical' night with Edie is on tap

SO if you're not schlepping overseas, try the Hamptons, which is now big with basketball, baseball, pickleball, football, handball, beach ball, Powerball, plus bras, butts, boobs, balls, behinds, burgers and beaches. Also badminton. And — for one night only — Aug. 2, **Edie Falco**.

NY theater company the New Group, plus Concord Theatricals on behalf of Samuel French Inc., is bringing Falco to the Westhampton Beach Performing Arts Center. A special reading of "The Year of Magical Thinking," Joan Didion's Tony-nominated adaptation of her memoir.

Falco is also returning to Season 5 of Paramount's "Mayor of Kingstown," co-starring **Jeremy Renner**.

Falco's busy.

It's good vs. evil

ISRAELIS are moving out. Many are buying places here in the East.

Hamas attacks Israel. Israel retaliates. Israel is the bad guy.

Hezbollah attacks Israel from Lebanon. Israel is the bad guy.

Iran launches rockets and drones at Israel. Israel is the bad guy.

A few years ago Japan attacked the US. We fought back. We won. And we were then the *good* guy?!

FROM businessman and philanthropist **Jonathan Farkas**, whose wife **Somers** is our ambassador to Malta: "I am the only person in US history whose both mother and wife were US ambassadors."

Somers' tip for travelers: Skip the layover. Delta now flies nonstop JFK to Malta. Business between the US and Malta is booming, and visitors can explore 5,000-year-old temples, see the only Caravaggio ever signed, swim in clear waters and stroll a beautiful capital city. Not bad for a direct flight and one passport stamp.

Only in Malta, kiddies, only in Malta.

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Crockett snub to rival Dem

Sore loser Rep. Jasmine Crockett has revealed she's not jumping at the opportunity to stump for Texas Senate primary winner and onetime foe James Talarico — while questioning his support among black voters.

Talarico's campaign said the winning candidate recently phoned the firebrand, who lost to him in the Democratic primary in March, and left a voice message inviting her to give a keynote speech at the party's upcoming convention.

But Crockett told the Dallas Morning News late last week that she didn't even listen to the message, ripping it as an "afterthought invite" and indicated she doesn't plan to attend the convention.

The retiring lefty Dem added she doesn't know if she will actively campaign for Talarico at all — and fumed at the party backlash she is already receiving over her stance.

"I have no idea. I am more focused on down-ballot races in general," she sniffed to the outlet.

The outgoing congresswoman also cast doubt on whether black voters will rally around Talarico.

"I've not heard a bunch of kumbaya," she said about Talarico's standing among black voters. *Ryan King*

'Sites' set on wildlife

A group of leading international technology, crypto and other businesses announced plans to help stamp out the illegal trade in wildlife.

Companies including Google, Meta, TikTok and Alibaba committed to end trafficking on their platforms.

Crypto, blockchain analytics firms and payment companies including PayPal will work to disrupt financial flows linked to the illegal wildlife trade.

A UN Environment Program report says trade in wildlife products generates as much as $23 billion annually. *Reuters*

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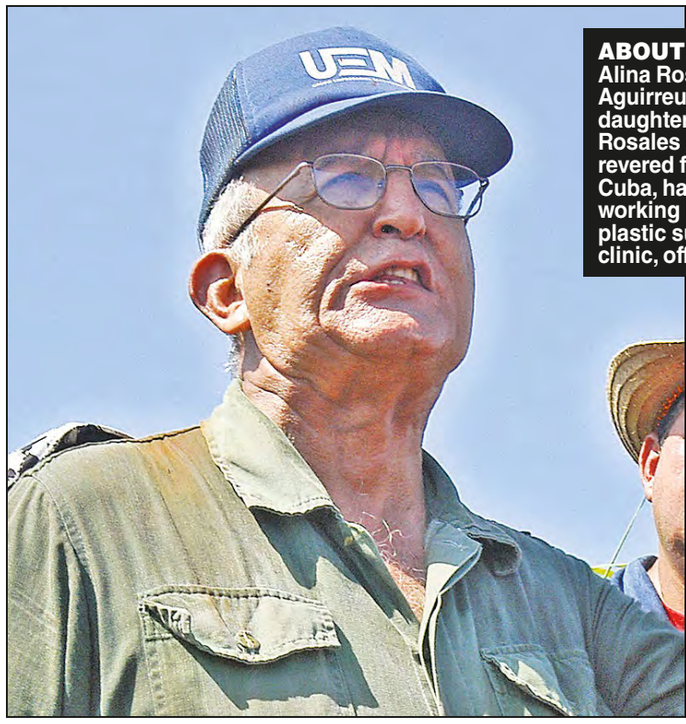

ABOUT FACE: Alina Rosales Aguirreurreta (right), daughter of Ulises Rosales del Toro, a revered figure in Cuba, had been working in a Florida plastic surgery clinic, officials said.

ICE; AFP/Getty Images

Daughter of Fidel pal held by ICE

By JORGE FITZ-GIBBON

The daughter of a "hero" of Cuba's communist revolution has been busted by ICE agents in Florida for overstaying her tourist visa while working as a plastic surgeon, according to authorities and reports.

Alina Rosales Aguirreurreta, 37, daughter of revered Gen. Ulises Rosales del Toro, entered the US on a tourist visa in 2023, but then remained in the country illegally when it expired, officials said.

She was finally picked up by federal immigration agents last month while working at a Miami plastic-surgery clinic, said Immigration and Customs Enforcement. She reportedly trained in Cuba as a plastic surgeon.

Aguirreurreta's father is considered a hero of the island nation's communist revolution who served with Fidel and Raul Castro and held top government posts.

"She's charged as a nonimmigrant overstay, and awaits a hearing before an immigration judge," ICE wrote on X on Saturday. "ICE will disclose more information as it becomes publicly available."

Aguirreurreta arrived at Orlando International Airport on Nov. 21, 2023, on a B-2 tourist visa, which expired in May 2024, the Cuban exile news outlet Cibercuba reported. ICE agents arrested her May 26 at the Miami clinic where she worked as an assistant, the outlet said.

The feds have not released further details of the arrest or the pending proceedings.

Fought with Castros

Aguirreurreta's 84-year-old father has long be hailed as a hero in Cuba and fought alongside the Castro brothers in the Sierra Maestra mountains during the revolution in the late 1950s, Cibercuba said.

Rosales del Toro led troops during Cuba's foray in Angola in the 1970s and served as chief of the general staff of the country's Revolutionary Armed Forces. He holds the title of Hero of the Republic of Cuba.

His past posts include minister of agriculture and sugar, a prominent position overseeing the county's historically vital cash crop. He also served in the political bureau of the Communist Party.

Targeting relatives of high-ranking Cuban officials has been part of President Trump's crackdown on illegal immigrants since returning to the White House.

Aguirreurreta's arrest took place just days after Adys Lastres Morera, the sister of Cuban Brig. Gen. Ania Guillermina Lastres Morera, president of GAESA, a secretive military-run conglomerate that controls much of the island's economy, was arrested and transferred to an ICE facility in Louisiana. *With Wires*

Valdes, 'hero' of Cuban revolution, dead at 94

Ramiro Valdes, one of Fidel Castro's earliest collaborators who was lauded at home as a hero of the Cuban revolution, has died at the age of 94, President Miguel Diaz-Canel announced on social media Sunday.

The president did not provide a cause of death.

A top government official for decades after Castro's rebels came to power in 1959, Valdes held the honorary titles "Hero of the Republic" and "Commander of the Revolution" and formed part of the powerful Political Bureau of the ruling Cuban Communist Party until 2019.

In a post on X, Diaz-Canel said that Valdes' death "hurts deeply, like that of a father."

Born on April 28, 1932, Valdes was just 21 when he fought alongside Fidel Castro at the assault on the Moncada barracks that launched the 1953 uprising against the government of Fulgencio Batista. *Reuters*

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Freeway disaster in Calif.

A terrifying freeway disaster unfolded Saturday morning in Irwindale, Calif., when a semitruck suddenly lost control, crossed the center divider on Interstate 210 and slammed into multiple vehicles, leaving one woman dead and dozens of others hurt.

Dashcam footage obtained by ABC captured the moments before the catastrophic wreck.

The video appears to show the big rig drifting off the right shoulder before abruptly cutting across the freeway, barreling over the median and into oncoming traffic.

The out-of-control truck eventually jackknifed, shutting down lanes in both directions and creating a chaotic scene strewn with wreckage.

Video posted on Citizen showed the aftermath, with debris scattered across the roadway as emergency crews rushed to respond.

Authorities said Christina King, 58, was killed.

Another 32 people suffered injuries, including 10 who were taken to hospitals, six of them children.

The California Highway Patrol said at least three vehicles were involved in the crash but doesn't know the exact number of vehicles in the pileup. *Daniel Farr*

Deadly jet ski collision

A 26-year-old woman was killed when two jet skis collided in the Harlem River near Randall's Island after dark Saturday night.

A 27-year-old man and a 28-year-old man were aboard a jet ski when they smashed into another wave runner carrying a man and a woman, both 26, around 10 p.m., according to the NYPD. All four people were ejected into the Harlem River by the impact, cops said.

The 26-year-old woman sustained serious injuries and was transported to Harlem Hospital in critical condition. She was later pronounced dead, police added. *Zoe Hussain*

HAMAS SEX ABUSE

Freed hostage relates horror

By ANNA YOUNG

A freed Israeli hostage has detailed the sexual torment he suffered at the hands of Hamas terrorists, including being stripped naked and sadistically assaulted.

Guy Gilboa-Dalal, 24, recounted the stomach-churning brutality he endured from his tormentors during his two years in captivity after being snatched from the Nova music festival during the Oct. 7, 2023, terror attack in Israel.

In a chilling new interview with Israel's first lady, Michal Herzog, the traumatized survivor recalled a terrifying moment when a captor dragged him into a room, blindfolded him, ordered him to undress and hurled taunts about pornography at him before sexually assaulting him.

"He said, 'You haven't seen girls for a long time, right? You watch porn? You want to watch porn? You want us to make a porn movie together?'" Gilboa-Dalal said his captor mockingly asked him.

The victim said he shot back at the Hamas goon that pornography is forbidden in Islam.

SAFE: Freed Israeli hostage Guy Gilboa-Dalal gets a welcome from a loved one last October after supporters, including his father, Ilan Dalal (below), had pressed for his release.

Reuters; AP

Another episode

Then "he came behind me and started to touch my body and to kiss my neck and my back. I couldn't do anything, I just wanted him to stop," the Israeli said.

After about 20 minutes, the brute pressed a knife to Gilboa-Dalal's neck and threatened to kill him if he ever detailed the abuse.

"I swore that I wouldn't tell anyone, but that wasn't enough for him," Gilboa-Dalal told Herzog. "He took a gun and put it to my head, saying, 'If you tell anyone about this, I will kill you.' "

The terrorized hostage recounted yet another degrading attack in which one of his captors abused him when he was allowed to take a shower.

Gilboa-Dalal said the terrorist thug hauled him into a room naked, refused to let him dress and then rubbed his genitals against him for 20 minutes.

"He threw me on a couch and held my head toward the opposite direction from him," the victim said, adding that his brain had "disconnected" during the ordeal.

"He came behind me and started rubbing his genitals on my anus."

"Every second was like an entire lifetime. I felt even more powerless than before. I couldn't resist, and even if I wanted to, I was too weak."

The incident ended with the captor hurling him to the ground, beating him and warning he would be killed if he ever revealed what had happened.

Gilboa-Dalal said he was then forced to tell his tormenter that he loved him before he was let go.

New mission

The victim encouraged other survivors to come forward about the sexual abuse they endured while held hostage in Gaza.

"I feel like I have a mission to spread to the world, to use my voice and empower other victims of sexual assaults," Gilboa-Dalal said. "I want people who have been through those experiences to know they're not alone."

Gilboa-Dalal reunited with his family in an emotional homecoming Oct. 13, 2025, after being released with the final 20 living hostages under a cease-fire deal between Israel and Hamas.

It's not just depression — beware these other postpartum mental health issues

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BEYOND BABY BLUES

NEW baby, new emotions.

Over 80% of new mothers experience the "baby blues" shortly after childbirth due to changing hormones, exhaustion and stress. The "baby blues" are characterized by rapid mood shifts — from joy to tears — but they usually resolve within two weeks and don't impair daily function.

Postpartum depression and anxiety are more intense, longer-lasting and more disruptive to a woman's ability to care for herself or her newborn.

Some women go through melancholic depression, where they feel disengaged, suffer from low appetite or yearn to sleep a lot. More often, women experience anxious depression.

They worry about their baby and their mothering skills, which can interfere with the bliss that accompanies the early days and months of motherhood.

Postpartum depression and anxiety aren't the only mental health conditions a new mother may face in the year following delivery. In fact, maternal mental health conditions are the leading cause of preventable maternal mortality and morbidity in the US.

Dr. Marra Ackerman, a psychiatrist at NYU Langone Health, shares the key warning signs for these conditions while dispelling three major myths about the postpartum period.

Adjustment disorder

It can be difficult to make the major transition to parenthood and adapt to the overwhelming demands of a newborn.

Breastfeeding can be particularly challenging. A woman might experience sore or cracked nipples from poor latching or stress about low milk supply while feeling pressure to produce enough to feed her baby.

Adjustment disorder, which is partway between "baby blues" and postpartum depression, is all about managing expectations.

Symptoms often resolve with social support and better sleep. Sometimes we might recommend that women not exclusively breastfeed because they need to get rest. I strongly believe that sleep is a critical part of recovery.

Obsessive compulsive disorder

Women diagnosed with OCD before pregnancy have the highest risk of postpartum OCD.

We also see women who develop OCD specifically in that period. OCD manifests as intrusive thoughts and often compulsive behaviors surrounding infant care, such as repetitive checking behavior, or rigid cleaning rituals — and those thoughts can take on a mind of their own.

Post-traumatic stress disorder

Sometimes pregnancy or delivery comes with medical complications that can be life-threatening and traumatic, increasing the risk of postpartum depression and PTSD.

Significant distress is a common symptom, and it can affect bonding with the baby.

Bipolar disorder

We screen for mental health conditions throughout pregnancy and the first year postpartum by asking new moms to fill out a questionnaire about their feelings.

One of the things we look for is bipolar illness because bipolar disorder in women often emerges in the 20s or early 30s, prime pregnancy years.

And we have to differentiate between unipolar depression and bipolar disorder because the treatment strategies are different.

The risk of postpartum psychosis in the general population is about 1 in 1,000. Women with bipolar I disorder, the more severe form of bipolar illness, have a higher risk. Untreated bipolar illness raises the risk to 1 in 4.

Postpartum psychosis is a psychiatric emergency. It is treatable, but it requires psychiatric assessment and often admission to the hospital.

Suicidal tendencies

Many of the screening tools that medical providers use ask questions about suicidal ideation, though not all of them do.

At NYU Langone Health, we think it's important to screen for suicidal ideation because it's fairly common postpartum.

We need to determine if it's fleeting thoughts that stem from stress or more persistent thoughts that can lead to a harmful plan.

Treatment strategies

Treatment really depends on the patient, the severity of their symptoms and their preferences, but we tend to recommend a multimodal approach.

There are times when just psychotherapy can be helpful — or at least serve as an initial step. Most of the time, we're recommending psychotherapy and medication.

Medications like selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors are our first line for depression, anxiety and PTSD. Recovery depends on how quickly the woman can access care.

The most common risk factor for postpartum depression is untreated depression during pregnancy. If we can optimize mood during pregnancy, then that is certainly a protective factor.

Helpful resources

I often tell patients to tread carefully on social media and avoid the internet rabbit hole because what you find can be anxiety-provoking or flat-out wrong. We want to direct you to credible and positive online resources.

I recommend Postpartum Support International and womensmentalhealth.org.

Myths about the postpartum period

Pregnancy has been heavily romanticized as euphoric, which is a myth. Some women might have that experience, but many do not. There's a lot of variability — pregnancy and delivery can be wonderful and stressful at the same time.

There's also a myth that sertraline, commonly known by the brand name Zoloft, is the only safe antidepressant in pregnancy. There are many antidepressants that can be safely continued in pregnancy.

"Pregnancy has been heavily romanticized as euphoric, which is a myth."

In fact, a major myth is that women have to stop taking certain medications during pregnancy or can't start a new regimen. But stopping medication can carry its own risks, so I encourage women to weigh the pros and cons with their doctor.

Dr. Marra Ackerman is the director of CL Psychiatry at NYU Langone Health and a clinical associate professor in the Department of Psychiatry at NYU Grossman School of Medicine.As a psychiatrist provides comprehensive care, with a particular focus on mental health care for perinatal women and hormone-related psychiatric issues. Additionally, she provides psychiatric support for patients receiving medical treatments such as organ transplants or cancer therapies.

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Blazed trail to W. House for Latinas

American Dreamers

Through July 4, The Post, in conjunction with the Milken Center for Advancing the American Dream, is featuring US citizens explaining what the American dream means to them in 2026 — including Maria Contreras-Sweet, the former administrator of the US Small Business Administration.

I WAS born in Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico. I had this beautiful grandmother who believed in the power of "yes." In everything that I've done, I've always remembered beautiful Emelia and the power of yes. Yes to whatever I could do to help others. Because she believed that if you helped others and brought others along that, somehow, it would come back to you.

I arrived [in the US] at the age of 5, and I couldn't speak a word of English . . . One of my frustrations growing up [was], I never saw a young little Latina girl from Mexico making it big. That was just not the book that was out there. And so I started a little organization called HOPE: Hispanas Organized for Political Equality. And now [a] program that has women around the country who are playing leadership roles . . .

I was very interested in working for my local state senator and then moved up in that process and from there I was hired by a large corporation to represent them in government affairs. Eventually I became California's secretary of education, and then started a bank. And then President Obama asked me to serve on his Cabinet as administrator of the US Small Business Administration.

LONG WAY: Maria Contreras-Sweet came to the US from Mexico without knowing any English. She started a group to get Latinas more involved in US politics before heading the Small Business Association under President Barack Obama.

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LIVES BY POWER OF 'YES'

Carriage vic's name on ban bill

The famous City Council bill known as Ryder's Law that aims to ban horse carriages in the Big Apple will now be called Romanch's Law — after the 18-year-old tourist fatally tossed during a ride last week.

The bill was pitched in 2022 by former city Councilman Bob Holden before tragic horse Ryder collapsed and died, and then reintroduced for consideration again this year by Councilman Chris Marte — who said he will now change its name to honor tragic teen Romanch Mahajan.

"For years, New Yorkers have warned that horse-drawn carriages put passengers, workers, parkgoers, pedestrians, and horses in danger," Marte's office said in a statement Sunday.

"Romanch's death follows a series of serious carriage horse incidents, including the recent death of Deniz in Central Park, and has made clear that the City can no longer delay action."

The proposed law's name change is set to be formally announced at an 11 a.m. vigil Monday at the Cherry Hill Fountain in Central Park, where Mahajan, a tourist from India, was killed while on a horse-carriage ride with his family Wednesday.

Mahajan was struck in his head while trying to save his mother as their carriage driver allegedly flouted common-sense protocol and got out of the ride to take a picture of the family, leaving the horse to take off.

"It appears the driver was at least at arm's length from his horse. This is unacceptable," said Alexander Kemp, a vice president of the Transport Workers Union Local 100, which oversees the drivers, in a statement.

Nicole Rosenthal

Heli 'theft' bid after car crash

A deranged Florida man who believes he saw the anti-Christ is accused of trying to steal a medical helicopter at the scene of a car crash he reportedly caused.

Riley Ferrer was driving northbound on I-75 around midnight Friday when he lost control of his pickup, veered off the road and struck another vehicle before overturning into the woods, according to FOX 13 News.

Two people were severely injured and a medical helicopter was dispatched to evacuate them to a hospital.

The Hernando County Sheriff's Office shut down the northbound lanes of I-75 to facilitate the landing of the aircraft.

While first responders were prepping patients for the helicopter, Ferrer unsuccessfully attempted to hijack the aircraft.

After police arrived at the scene, Ferrer was placed in the back seat of a patrol vehicle and taken to Tampa General Hospital Brooksville.

The Florida Highway Patrol stated Ferrer refused to walk into the building, necessitating a physical escort, and refused to remain seated, requiring troopers to keep him seated until deputies arrived.

He was cleared and transferred to Hernando County Detention Center.

He continued to resist deputies upon arrival at the detention site.

He faces three counts of resisting without violence and one count of burglary of an occupied conveyance.

Jail records show that he was issued a $3,000 bond for the resisting charges but he is being held with no bond for the burglary charge.

The medical condition of the other two people involved in the crash was not immediately clear.

Daniel Cody

'I killed my girlfriend'

A former US military worker allegedly confessed to stabbing his girlfriend to death in a chilling call with a 911 dispatcher Friday.

"Um, I murdered my girlfriend," Kyle Sanchez, 35, allegedly told a police operator from the couple's Tampa, Fla., home, according to court documents obtained by local WFLA 8.

Sanchez — who had top-secret security clearance while working as a data analyst at the MacDill Air Force Base until May — also told the dispatcher that his girlfriend, Amanda Roark, 37, was "beyond help."

Sanchez's confession came 10 minutes after police received a 911 call from Roark, whose was pleading with her attacker.

"Please stop . . . You're f--king killing me," she said, court documents say.

Officers from the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office later found Sanchez "covered in blood" and Roark dead, WFLA 8 reported.

Georgia Worrell

SPENCER PRATT
Not done with politics.

Pratt's not all, LA folks

Spencer Pratt mounted an insurgent campaign against incumbent Mayor Karen Bass and socialist Nithya Raman, narrowly losing to the far-left Democratic Socialists of America member.

Previously known mostly as a reality television personality, Pratt rallied the forgotten masses of Los Angeles, the moms living in fear of rising crime, coming so close to making the general election that he sent shock waves across the left-wing establishment.

But while Pratt may be out of the race to become Los Angeles mayor, he's not giving up on politics.

In his first exclusive in-depth interview since being controversially tipped out of the November runoff by Raman's wave of late postal ballots, Pratt vowed to continued to fight for the city that made him.

While he's damning about California's controversial voting system, he's also humbled by the support he's attracted. *Benjamin Brown*

Small-plane crash kills 3

Three people were killed when a small plane that took off in New Jersey crashed in a Maryland neighborhood, authorities said.

A Piper PA-28 carrying a pilot and two passengers plummeted into a residential area in Bowie around midnight on Sunday, according to the Federal Aviation Administration and Maryland State Police.

The possible training flight was en route from Ocean City, NJ, to Montgomery County Airport in Gaithersburg, Maryland State Police said. *Zoe Hussain*

KAM'S VERB-AL ERR

Tannen Maury/UPI/Shutterstock

WAIT, WHAT? Kamala Harris, at the opening of Barack Obama's library Thursday, recited an incoherent statement on "hope" Friday.

Critics rip Harris' latest 'word salad'

By RYAN KING

Former Vice President Kamala Harris' latest word salad has drawn head scratches for arguing that the word "hope" should be a verb, although it already is.

Harris, 61, speaking on former CNN anchor Don Lemon's podcast Friday, tried to convey a message about the importance of hope in spite of President Trump's 2024 win, but her attempt went viral on social media for all the wrong reasons.

"I really, truly believe this: We each have, have light inside of us. And we need to know that that is what inspires our hope as much as anything external to ourselves," she told Lemon.

"When we feel that and, and, and not allow an election or an individual to dampen that light, and instead let that light kind of carry us in particular through moments of darkness, we not only act on that hope, but we inspire that hope in each other," she said.

"And in particular, at this moment, it is so important that we not only have hope, but that we understand that that should be a verb."

Fodder for critics

She's made similarly confusing, convoluted comments about other words in the past, too: for example, when she said in 2024 that "faith is a verb."

Her latest ramblings provided more fodder for her conservative critics, who have long ripped into her comments.

"Not sure even Don was buying it," video producer Western Lensman quipped on X.

Another user wrote of Harris, who lost to Trump in 2024, "Our hope became a verb November 5, 2024, when the darkness was defeated by popular and electoral vote."

Someone else jabbed, "The word salad is strong with this one." *Ryan King*

Calif. swimming abuse lawsuit revived

A group of former UC Berkeley swimmers who accused the school of ignoring years of heinous abuse allegations against its once-celebrated women's swimming coach have won a major legal reversal.

A California appeals court ruled Tuesday that 18 former Cal Golden Bears swimmers can move forward with their lawsuit against the University of California Board of Regents.

The swimmers sued in 2024, claiming officials turned a blind eye to years of alleged abuse by longtime women's swim coach Teri McKeever, who was fired in January 2023 after an outside law firm substantiated claims from dozens of athletes.

The case was tossed in June 2024 after a judge found the statute of limitations had expired, since some of the allegations dated too far back.

But a three-judge panel from the First Appellate District of California ruled the lawsuit can proceed under the discovery rule, which can pause the clock until plaintiffs reasonably learn they were harmed by alleged wrongdoing.

The court found that a 2022 Orange County Register investigation was the catalyst for many of the former swimmers to realize McKeever's alleged conduct was not simply hard coaching, but alleged abuse.

McKeever had been one of the most powerful figures in women's swimming, leading Cal to four NCAA team titles and coaching the 2012 US Olympic women's team.

In 2023, McKeever admitted to emotionally and physically abusing Cal swimmers for more than 20 years as part of a US Center for SafeSport agreement. *Nina Joudeh*

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Calif. pipeline is nixed

A California appeals court delivered a major setback to efforts to bring more domestic oil production back online, siding with state regulators in a fight over a key pipeline network that connects offshore platforms in Santa Barbara County to refineries outside the region.

The California Second District Court of Appeal this week upheld an injunction obtained by the California Coastal Commission against Sable Offshore Corp., ruling the agency acted within its authority when it issued cease-and-desist orders targeting pipeline work along the Gaviota Coast.

It comes amid heightened focus on energy supplies as war with Iran and California's anti-oil policies have helped drive gas prices through the roof, putting a spotlight on efforts to expand US production rather than restrict it.

In 1986, coastal development permits were issued for the pipeline system that sits at the center of the fight. One of those lines, Pipeline 324, ruptured in 2015 and caused the Refugio oil spill.

When Sable purchased the system, the pipeline remained inactive because repairs were needed and court-mandated approvals had been imposed.

Daniel Farr

Lost giraffes babies safe

Two baby giraffes who vanished from a troubled Virginia roadside zoo last year have been found safe, according to authorities.

The pair of calves that disappeared from the Natural Bridge Zoo in April 2025 were discovered during an "extensive investigation" and placed in a professional facility, according to the Office of the Virginia Attorney General.

"Clueless" star Alicia Silverstone had offered a $50,000 reward for information leading to their recovery.

It's unknown how investigators were led to the long-necked babies. *Zoe Hussain*

IT'S INTERMISSION

Broadway fixture Sardi's set for reno

ICON: Sardi's, famous for drawing Broadway celebs such as Andrew Lloyd Webber, Nicole Scherzinger and Tom Francis (inset), is closing until fall.

J.C. Rice

Emmy Park

JOHNNY OLEKSINSKI

IT'LL be a helluva long wait between courses at legendary Broadway institution Sardi's this summer.

The iconic 99-year-old restaurant on West 44th Street — famed for its 1,200 celeb caricatures — is closing up shop for several months after Wednesday night's service for much-needed renovations and other behind-the-scenes changes.

Its anticipated reopening is in late fall, just in time for its centennial.

So if you want to put in an order of cheese and crackers or a turkey club, or get a drink upstairs from my pal, bartender Jeremy Wagner, hie thee to Midtown pronto.

The break was set in motion by the recent retirement of longtime owner Max Klimavicius, who in March sold his eatery to the Shubert Organization, Broadway's biggest landlord.

I'm asked a lot whether or not this change-up is a good thing. Well, that old carpet could certainly use a shampoo. But the sale is the best possible outcome.

Strong stewards

All of us in New York know how frighteningly easy it is for our favorite spots to be here one day and gone the next. Regulars of Donohue's on the Upper East Side felt that sting this week.

The Shuberts were already Sardi's landlords — and frequent customers — and understand its importance to the theater and their business. They'll be strong stewards of the establishment where just about every person who's worked on Broadway over the last century has dined and drank.

The restaurant has had its ups and downs, just as Times Square has. As early as 1946, a Post writer wrote, "With its glittering stars . . . Sardi's holds more fascination for people from the hinterlands than real New Yorkers." Nonetheless it stayed successful and upscale for many years. Men were expected to wear a coat and tie. In the 1950s and 60s, more than a few Post columnists made it their second office.

Then, Sardi's steeply declined during the 1980s. It had a leaky roof and a pest problem and was getting bad reviews.

But under Klimavicius, the restaurant has rebounded. You can spot Broadway actors, producers, press agents and critics most nights at the upstairs bar. It's tough to get a seat. A kind of glamor has returned.

You could feel it on opening night of Bernadette Peters' run in "Hello, Dolly!" at the Shubert in 2018, when a red carpet was rolled across 44th Street just so she could grandly stroll into the afterparty . . . at Sardi's.

Here are a couple of delicious Sardi's tales from the past 100 years.

When Prohibition ended in 1933, and New York got its first beer shipment, the restaurant's booze supplies were "dwindling rapidly" because of their ravenous customers, the manager told The Post at the time. Lunch business was up by 50%.

One night in 1935 actor Sam Levene challenged Sardi's first caricaturist, Alex Gard, to draw John Barrymore from memory — on the tablecloth. He did. And Levene bought it from the restaurant.

Trio of base jumpers cause a stir at Yosemite

Three base jumpers sparked controversy at Yosemite National Park after allegedly making an illegal leap from the famous El Capitan cliff and disappearing into the surrounding forest before rangers could catch them.

The incident happened on Juneteenth when a visitor spotted three people jumping from the summit using parachutes as the sun began to set.

A visitor recorded the dramatic moment and later shared the video on Instagram, claiming rangers chased the group but were unable to locate them after they landed.

The post described the scene as an unforgettable sight.

"We spotted a group of 3 base jumpers leap from the top of El Capitan and stick the landing right as the sun began to set.

"Such a magical sight! Park rangers pursued them on foot, and we think they were hiding out in the trees until the coast was clear!" it read.

The stunt has renewed attention on the long-standing ban against base jumping in Yosemite.

The extreme sport involves jumping from fixed objects and deploying a parachute during the descent. *Daniel Farr*

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CANCER (June 22-July 23)

Now the Sun is moving through your sign you won't need much encouragement to go after objectives that previously may have been beyond your reach. Your can-do attitude will inspire those around you as well. They want to be like you.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)

This may be a challenging time for you, but that is not an excuse to feel sorry for yourself, or worse, hold back from pursuing your dream. Focus on what you are good at and expect a major breakthrough before the end of the week.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)

A week from now your ruler Mercury will begin one of its retrograde phases, so between now and then you must strive to get as much work done as possible. Expect great things of yourself and don't let other people's doubts hold you back.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)

It may seem as if the odds are stacked against you at the moment, but if you treat that as a challenge rather than a burden, you will accomplish more than you expected to over the next few days. A positive mindset is a must.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

If you think that a friend or loved one is doing something wrong, then you must speak up about it. They may not appreciate your intervention now but they will later on when it turns out that your judgment was right all along.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)

It may seem suspicious that someone you don't usually think of as a friend or ally is saying nice things about you, but on this occasion, they are most likely telling the truth. You have, after all, had a lot of successes lately.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)

It's natural to be concerned with all the bad things going on in the world, but don't let it get to you to such an extent that you can no longer function. Focus on your own interests and let others worry about what might come next.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)

It may not be possible to make sense of what is taking place around you, but that does not mean that it is senseless. What happens today will clarify the situation enough for you to quit fretting and start pushing ahead again with your dreams.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)

You cannot turn the clock back but you can ignore the passage of time, at least for a while. Immerse yourself in an activity that fulfills your need to create something of lasting value in the world. Don't just think about it, start it!

ARIES (March 21-April 20)

There is nothing wrong with being pushy, and you are good at it too, but while the Sun is moving through one of the more sensitive areas of your chart, it might be wise not to come on too strong, because others could push back even harder.

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

Energy and enthusiasm are the keys to making this one of the best weeks of the year so far. It's no good just having a dream, you have got to live it as well, so get motivated and get moving over the next few days.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

Try not to be too bossy when dealing with people whose advice and assistance you will most likely need over the coming week. If they feel you are expecting too much of them, they could decide not to give you anything at all.

BIRTHDAY MONDAY

Dare to be different over the coming year, even if you fear that friends and loved ones won't be happy about the choices you make. The simple fact is you don't need their permission or support to be the very best person you can be.

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Monday

Today: Heavy rain and a t storm this afternoon. High 72 to 78.

Tonight: Rain, then a couple of showers. Low 62 to 68.

Tuesday

Tomorrow: Showers around in the a.m.; partly sunny. High 76 to 82.

Tomorrow night: Clear to partly cloudy. Low 61 to 67.

Wednesday

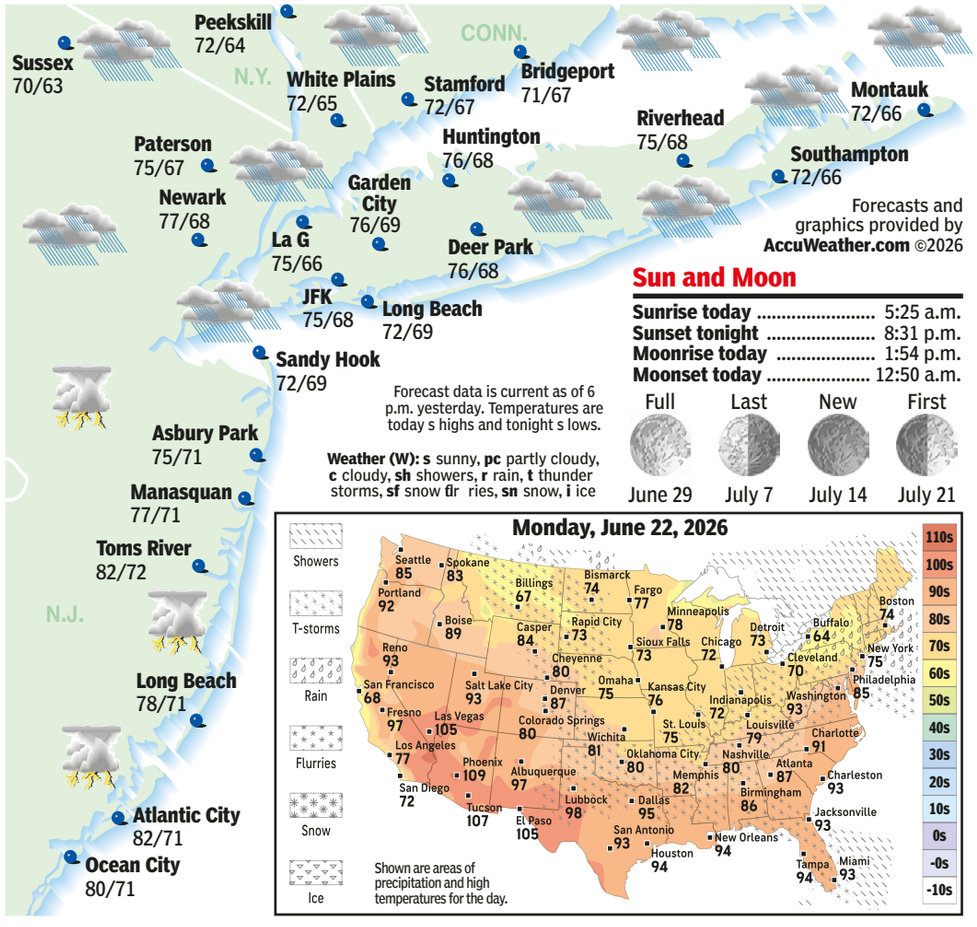
Partly sunny. High 81 to 87.

Evening Partly cloudy. Low 63 to 69.

Thursday

Partly sunny. High 78 to 84.

Evening Partly cloudy. Low 62 to 68.



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Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	5:25 a.m.
Sunset tonight	8:31 p.m.
Moonrise today	1:54 p.m.
Moonset today	12:50 a.m.

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Temperature
High: 82, Low: 65, Mean: 74

Departure from Normal
Yesterday: 0 degrees

Precipitation
Yesterday: 0.00 , Month: 1.68 ,
Year: 16.11 , Normal year to date: 22.53

Cooling Degree days yesterday 9
Total for the month (normal) 181 (135)
Total since Jan. 1 (normal) 319 (216)
Last year to date 187
Heat Index (at noon yest.) 78
UV index (for Mon.) ..... 3 (Moderate)
Humidity (at noon) 37%

AIR QUALITY
Pollen: High Predominant pollen: Grasses
AQI rating: (for Mon.) ..... Moderate

New York Tides	TODAY		TOMORROW	
High Tide for	1st	2nd	1st	2nd
Coney Island	2:16a	2:57p	3:06a	3:46p
Fire Island	2:18a	3:07p	3:15a	4:11p
Hempstead	6:23a	6:54p	7:28a	7:52p
Huntington	6:05a	6:35p	7:08a	7:32p
Jones Inlet	2:00a	2:41p	2:50a	3:30p
Montauk Point	3:31a	4:13p	4:30a	5:09p
Port Washington	6:33a	7:02p	7:37a	8:01p
Sandy Hook	2:20a	3:01p	3:10a	3:50p

Regional cities	TODAY	TOMORROW
Albany	68/60/r	80/57/pc
Danbury	73/65/r	78/56/sh
Glens Falls	68/59/r	80/54/sh
Gr Barrington	67/60/r	77/53/r
Kingston	67/63/r	80/55/pc
Liberty	64/60/r	75/54/pc
Monticello	65/60/r	74/51/pc
Newburgh	71/63/r	80/56/pc
Poughkeepsie	69/63/r	80/55/pc
Saratoga Springs	66/59/r	79/55/pc
Stroudsburg	71/62/r	81/55/pc
Torrington	71/63/r	77/57/r
Syracuse	64/58/r	76/57/pc

World cities	TODAY	TOMORROW
Athens	91/72/s	92/70/s
Baghdad	118/87/pc	120/84/pc
Beijing	89/63/s	82/64/pc
Berlin	81/57/s	82/58/pc
Cairo	91/72/pc	94/74/pc
Dublin	71/56/c	79/58/pc
Geneva	94/66/pc	94/68/s
Hong Kong	93/84/pc	92/84/r
Jerusalem	81/63/s	82/65/s
Kabul	85/63/s	88/65/s
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Madrid	103/75/pc	104/76/s
Mexico City	78/58/r	77/58/r
Montreal	75/59/sh	75/57/c
Moscow	72/59/sh	75/53/pc
Paris	102/72/s	103/72/s
Rio de Janeiro	78/68/s	78/69/s
Rome	91/71/c	92/69/c
Sydney	65/49/s	64/47/s
Tokyo	82/65/c	79/65/c

Zo's Machine

Poised to become Dems' new power broker

Facebook/Darializa for Congress

True believer: Avila Chevalier (l.) could help seal Mamdani's power base.

ON Tuesday, New York City's Democratic voters will decide whether Zohran Mamdani controls the future of their party. With equal parts perfidy and chutzpah, Mamdani has broken with party leaders who supported his rapid rise in last year's mayoral race to endorse three House candidates.

Three-decade Rep. Nydia Velázquez, esteemed by progressive and Hispanic voters alike, was the first member of Congress to endorse Mamdani last April. "It's just beautiful to have someone so authentic," she gushed in July.

With Velázquez retiring from her NY-7 seat, she thought she could count on Mamdani to repay the favor for her chosen successor, Brooklyn Borough President Antonio Reynoso — a union-backed progressive who isn't part of the Democratic Socialists of America. But Mamdani, authentic to himself, failed to follow through.

He's backing fellow DSA member Claire Valdez instead. A 36-year-old transplant from Lubbock, Texas, Valdez has only served in the state Assembly since 2025.

Besides organizing a United Auto Workers union at Columbia for clerical workers and her leftist bona fides, she has few qualifications over Reynoso, who has spent decades in New York's Democratic circles. But that may not matter if the mayor's backing is all it takes to win.

Last year, Mamdani likewise pledged to endorse Rep. Adriano Espaillat, the incumbent in NY-13 covering most of Harlem and part of The Bronx. The congressman quickly supported Mamdani following his primary win.

Instead, Mamdani endorsed Darializa Avila Chevalier, a 31-year-old DSA member and former organizer in his campaign. The radical Chevalier attended a pro-Palestinian DSA rally *the day after* Hamas' Oct. 7 massacre and hostage-taking rampage. No elected officials attended that appalling demonstration, not even then-Assemblyman Mamdani.

Espaillat, in public office since 1997 and chair of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, has the support of House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries and the Congressional Black Caucus. Yet he's having to spend millions to fend off his upstart challenger.

Then there's Brad Lander, who's challenging pro-Israel establishment Rep. Dan Goldman in NY-10. Lander, the former comptroller and mayoral candidate — and a former DSA member — cross-endorsed Mamdani, but lost out on a high-ranking administration role.

JOHN KETCHAM

Offloading Lander in a race that has largely become a referendum on Israel both recommitted Mamdani to his anti-Israel base and signaled that even established progressives now rise or fall on his terms.

By any reasonable standard, all these Democrats are firmly on the left. There isn't much daylight between them on policies, or on how they'd vote in Congress. But when it comes to their networks and constituencies, there's a world of difference.

Mamdani and his allies are betting that a listless Democratic Party will gravitate around the far smaller but ideologically energized DSA, like a planet orbiting a pulsar.

If his endorsees win all three races, no-name radicals across the nation will flock to Mamdani to kiss his ring before launching primary bids. The DSA-fueled Mamdani machine would become arguably the preeminent force in Democratic politics heading into 2028, even though most of the country doesn't look like Bushwick.

But if he loses all three, the mayor will have alienated a large swath of the traditional Democratic power structure — especially Hispanic leaders — while exposing the limits of the socialist movement, even in some of the nation's leftmost congressional districts.

Don't forget: Mamdani took a hit in April after his dark-horse DSA candidate Lindsay Boylan failed to upset Carl Wilson for Erik Bottcher's empty City Council seat.

A mixed result would prolong the party's civil war — though with Mamdani still ahead, given his effort's underdog nature.

To fully appreciate the mayor's shrewd political maneuvering, however, look at his approach to crime. As the mayor backs the hardest-left insurgents for Congress, he's also standing by his capable law-and-order police commissioner, Jessica Tisch.

The NYC DSA chapter recently scolded him on his plans to allow a modest increase in police-officer headcount to add a second patrol borough to The Bronx. Yet Mamdani has held firm against those in his own camp, even defending the NYPD's choice to deploy officers in riot gear to disperse disorderly Knicks fans after the team's championship victory.

In other words, he won't allow the DSA's anti-police ideology to derail his governing agenda — or his political ambitions. Make no mistake: Behind the smile and under the Knicks jersey stands a political operator for whom loyalty will always give way to power.

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FAST TAKES

Ukraine war: Putin's Reckoning Is Now

"President Vladimir Putin's Russian Federation is taking on water. Like the Titanic, it has struck an immovable object — in this case Ukraine — and it is sinking fast," cheer Jonathan Sweet & Mark Toth at The Hill. Volodymyr Zelensky's war strategy is clear: "When Russia grows tired, change comes." Putin ally Alexander Lukashenko has "ruled out sending troops to fight in Ukraine," admitting that Belarus, too, is "very vulnerable militarily" to Ukrainian attacks. Putin's "battlefield failures" have led to "nuclear saber-rattling" and attacks against "civilian targets," including "bomb shelters, churches and cultural centers — all war crimes or even forms of genocide." Vlad "can no longer defend his own skies, and he will not come to the defense of his allies"; he's become "the grandfather hiding in his bunker."

Legal beat: Feds Must Prosecute Masked Goons

"Anti-masking laws," known federally as the "Ku Klux Klan Act," criminalize gangs of people hiding their faces to "prevent or hinder the free enjoyment of any federal right," notes Akiva Shapiro at City Journal. It's time to enforce these laws to prosecute the "masked hooligans" who have threatened synagogues and harassed people dining in Jewish-owned restaurants. Even when "caught on video," few perps have had "to face the consequences of their actions — because their faces were covered." Anti-masking laws "helped dismantle the KKK" and can work now against "pro-Hamas protesters" who "hide behind masks to harass people they hate" and "interfere with the free exercise of fundamental constitutional rights."

Culture critic: A Tombstone for Obamaism

"Deservedly brutal" takes on the new Obama Presidential Center" compare it to a garbage can or the Death Star, but to UnHerd's Ryan Zickgraf it's most like a "mausoleum, the Obamausoleum, if you will" — the "world's largest headstone" marking the "final resting place of Obamaism," a "fantasy" of "politics after politics" centered on a bogus consensus. Obama's post-presidency — "the Netflix deals, the Bruce Springsteen podcast" — also pushed the "idea that America's problems are fundamentally narrative rather than structural." The building also tries the "trick" of "making his power look like its own critique: socially conscious, locally engaged, and solemnly democratic," yet it stands most as a "cold and misshapen monument to Obama's ego." In the end, "there is little left of Obama's legacy to grasp onto other than 2010s nostalgia."

Intel watch: Gabbard Revives Russian Disinfo

Tulsi Gabbard

In 2022, "Russian propagandists asserted" that "the U.S. was funding bioweapons laboratories in Ukraine as a justification" for invading that country, recalls Reason's Ronald Bailey. US and international organizations "thoroughly debunked" the charge, but "prominent" right-wingers, including Tulsi Gabbard, still "parroted" it. In her final days a director of national intelligence, Gabbard revived Russia's disinfo, claiming "newly declassified evidence" was "withheld" from Americans. But it's *not* new: In 2022, the Defense Department readily acknowledged America had supported 46 Ukrainian labs, health facilities and diagnostic sites. And Gabbard's released info shows only that Washington funded "reasonable studies" for "a lot of veterinary research labs focused on wild animal and livestock infectious diseases." "No evidence of a nefarious bioweapons plot has emerged."

Centrists: Make Homes Affordable Again

A new Team Trump brief on affordable housing "includes several reform ideas," such as "capping permitting fees, eliminating duplicative reviews and chopping down the timelines for local agencies to review plans," cheers The Washington Post Editorial Board. "Degrowth environmentalists and not-in-my-backyard activists" have gone silent because "both parties understand that fixing the problem requires more construction." Per polling, over 60% "of both parties" want Washington "to encourage communities to change their local zoning and land-use laws for new construction." More than half of states have legalized "'middle housing' — townhouses or starter homes on smaller lots," allowing a "surge in development," and a fall in median rent prices. With such "broad political appeal," "building new homes should be easy."

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Bernie's Deadly Success

Sen. Bernie Sanders' latest communist fever dream — nationalize half the AI industry — is telling in a host of ways: Damning about his entire political project and today's US political world.

It has zero chance of passing even a Democratic Congress; it's blatantly unconstitutional; it's economic suicide — and it's fundamentally *tyrannical.*

But his call to seize trillions of dollars of private property doesn't get him laughed out of the discussion. Indeed, it will likely soon be a regular talking point for the movement he leads. Which means some scaled-down version of it will be grist for multiple 2028 presidential campaigns, and the demand of lefties in Congress — and so prompt serious consideration of various "compromise" proposals.

He did the same thing with "Medicare for All," his push for socialized medicine; others in the party did it with demands for open borders — which became the Biden administration's de facto policy.

His argument for the AI-seizure idea is absurd: He insists that "the foundation of AI is based on the collective knowledge of humanity and the creative work of tens of millions of people."

OK: Several companies have played fast-and-loose with intellectual-property rights in training up their Large Language Models software, but our laws already offer a template for justice there: Just use existing royalty systems that, for example, compensate songwriters when a measure of music they wrote is sampled and streamed on Spotify. Let the writers themselves get paid for their "creative work"; it's no excuse for the feds to get a dime.

But that issue isn't the heart of Bernie's argument; it's much more the Obama "You didn't build that!" theme, off the trivial truism that every innovation, every successful business depends on the functioning society around it and our collective heritage of knowledge.

By that logic, the "people" should own *everything* . . . with the elite who run the government deciding what the people actually get out of it.

That collectivism brings oppression and ruin everywhere it's tried — but then Sanders has been a fan of every nation that's impoverished itself this way, from the Soviet Union to Castro's Cuba to Chavez's Venezuela. A record that didn't stop him from nearly becoming Democrats' 2020 presidential nominee. And, really, some smaller-scale version of "seize the wealth" now drives practically every major Democratic proposal — with "clever" Republicans looking for creative ways to join in.

The bottom line: Bernie Sanders' ideas are monstrous — a recipe for the destruction of the greatest country the world has ever known — yet next to no one in politics or the media stands up to denounce them, or him. And refusing to call out the evil in your midst never works out well.

Why Espaillat's Endangered

It's bizarre that a terrorist-loving, America-hating Florida grad student is a top contender for a New York City House seat, but Darializa Avila Chevalier's success exposes how flabby, complacent and value-free the mainstream local Democratic Party has grown in its uncompetitive echo chamber.

Why is Rep. Adriano Espaillat's campaign floundering, when he's seemingly done everything right? A reliable progressive and go-along pol, one who smoothly plays the game of urban ethnopolitics, usually has no trouble holding on to his seat for decades.

Instead, Espaillat may lose to a woman who believes Hamas did nothing wrong on Oct. 7, who brags of using the American flag to wipe herself with and who curses black or Arab men who "fetishize ugly colonizer women," meaning white ones.

The problem is that Espaillat is a classic Democratic "machine" operative when the Democrats long ago gave up true machine politics in the sense of appealing to and providing for a base of popular support.

Instead, urban Dems chose an easier path, become the tools of public-sector unions and government-funded nonprofits. They shovel public money at these interests and bend government power to their benefit; in exchange, those machines provide the endorsements and support that wins election after election.

But mercenaries have no loyalty: These interests will play ball with whoever's in power. Which leaves the modern Dem machine no loyalists at all beyond the much-diminished ranks of clubhouse hacks.

Espaillat and his ilk stand for nothing except blaming Republicans and President Trump for everything, which should work great in a district that runs +50 points blue. But if you never face serious competition, you forget how to compete; you get fat and lazy.

And when you follow the principle of "no enemies to the left," how do you respond when a new, disciplined political movement runs a farther-left carpetbagger who calls you a sellout and promises to really fight those bad guys?

That's what Avila Chevalier did, and all Espaillat can say is, "But I'm a leftist too!"

Which is true. The former illegal alien wants to abolish ICE, open the borders and defund the police as much as the next guy. But in today's climate, it's easy to step up and accuse incumbents of accommodating fascism just for nodding hello to more-moderate colleagues. Espaillat counted on his Democratic credentials to take the place of having values, paying attention or maintaining a working popular base.

We have no love for Espaillat or his record, except that he's not frothing-at-the-mouth insane. But New York City Democratic politics long ago cut anchor to let prevailing winds from the left steer the course.

Now veteran pols like Espaillat are left to reap that wind.

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Don's Deal Disappoints: Why Let Iran Off the Hook?

THE ISSUE: Reactions to President Trump's 14-point Memorandum of Understanding with Iran.

•I read the Memorandum of Understanding in utter disbelief; it sounded like Iran dictated the terms of surrender to the United States ("Deal's fatal flaw is mullah moola," Mark Dubowitz & Miad Maleki, June 18).

This is an unfathomable abdication of the help President Trump promised to the Iranian people, a 180 on Israel and its right to self-defense and a middle finger to those Gulf states that realize appeasing Iran is not the route to a prosperous and peaceful Middle East.

These 14 points will be as successful in deterring Iran as President Woodrow Wilson's 14 points were in preventing World War II.

David Rabinovitz
Brooklyn

•Am I the only one who questions the wisdom of using a person who published a book revealing his deal-making strategies to represent your side when bargaining with an adversary?

I do not know if "The Art of the Deal" has been translated into Farsi, but I would bet all I own that Iran's negotiators have copies of it. If one side knows the other team's thinking, it is no wonder they win the negotiation.

Thomas Carney
Lincroft, NJ

•The Iran deal confirms that Trump always chickens out. It is vague, inconclusive and full of wishful thinking, but in the end is nothing short of a capitulation to Iran and a betrayal of Israel's security.

Trump chickened out, because he ignored advice from experts by failing to take into account the strategic importance of the Strait of Hormuz, which gave Iran the advantage in the war. A blunder that he is solely responsible for.

President Trump

Iran will come out of this war richer and stronger, while America wasted lives and over $100 billion.

George Magakis, Jr.
Norristown, Pa.

•The Memorandum of Understanding with Iran will open the Strait of Hormuz and reestablish the flow of oil that the world desperately needs.

While the rest of the world celebrates lower gas prices, the over 90 million Iranians remaining under the jackboot of the radical, murderous, theocratic regime will be left to wonder where the help President Trump promised was coming for them is.

Jack Kaufman
Naples, Fla.

•There are a few things we should keep in mind. One, this deal was not going to come together quickly to everyone's satisfaction, if ever. Second, criticizing the president's methods is not helpful as it makes the enemy sense weakness in our resolve.

The most disappointing part of the deal so far is the lack of assurances of help to the Iranian citizens who have bravely spoken out against the regime and are still being tortured and murdered.

Along with no nukes and free passage through the Strait, one of our unequivocal demands should be an end to the regime's war on its own people.

Sharon Wylie
Westport, Conn.

•I've supported Trump because I view the Democratic Party as the enemy of virtually everything I hold dear about our nation and way of life. However, with this disgraceful treaty concocted with a band of perfidious murderers and sponsors of world terrorism, I must finally draw a red line.

Saying that he was never concerned with regime change — an abject lie — is, to put it crudely, the equivalent of pissing in the wind and calling it rain. Mr. President, you have, by virtue of this debacle, done yourself great harm.

Mitchell Schwefel
Barnegat, NJ

•I'm very disappointed in our president. I honestly don't know if I would vote for the Republicans again.

He let Iran off the hook again. They hate us and chant "Death to America!" Does he trust Iran's word to not develop a nuclear weapon? Trump didn't finish the job he started. Is it always about the dollar or the oil?

Robert Caprio
Nutley, NJ

•Trump, desperate to end his war as most of America was against it, let his enemy off the canvas to strike another day.

In a hurry to call it quits with Iran, the president surrendered and handed carte blanche to his worst enemy. His art of the deal collapsed like a bad suit.

Ron Zajicek, Cortlandt

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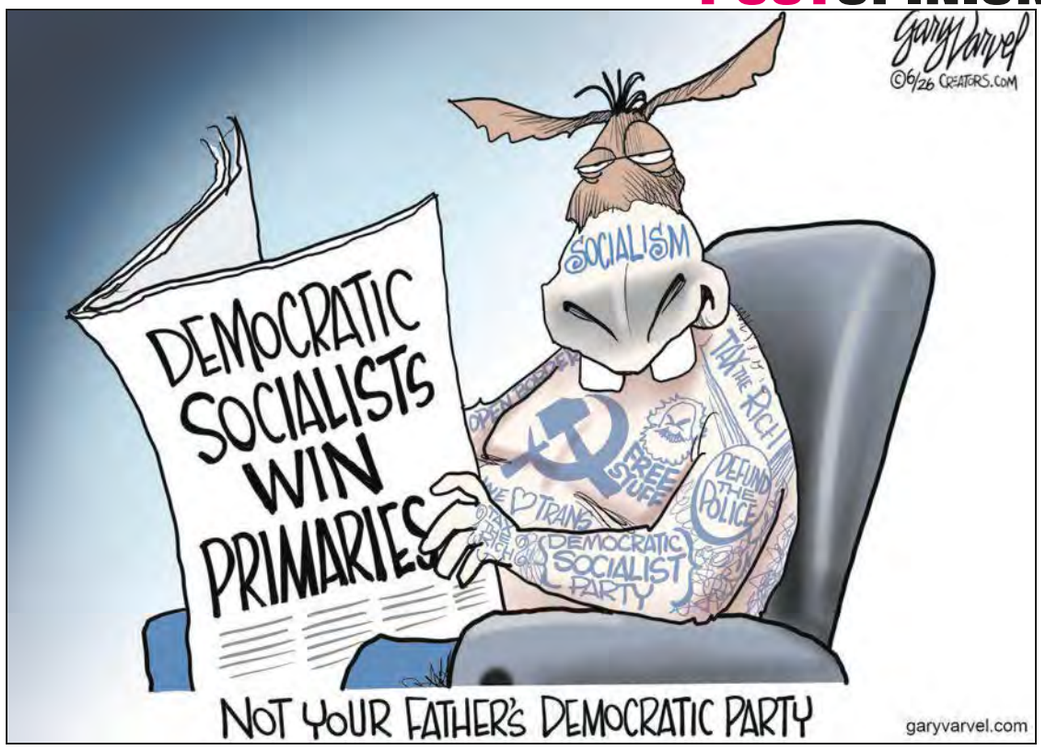

WATCHDOG SNAPS BACK

A FORMER federal inspector general is sniping at President Trump's approach to rooting out government fraud — but his complaints sound less like a serious defense of oversight and more like a bitter kiss-off from a spurned ex-bureaucrat.

"The watchdogs have crossed a dangerous line," Mark Greenblatt intoned in the Daily Beast. "They've become lapdogs" — "MAGA lapdogs," as his headline put it. He's furious that my inspector general colleagues and I are joining the wide-ranging effort, led by Vice President J.D. Vance, to crack down on the fraud that's looting our treasury.

Greenblatt's argument rests on a flawed premise: He claims that supporting such a mission somehow prevents an inspector general from conducting independent oversight. That's nonsense.

The Inspector General Act, which established the job I hold at the Labor Department, does not require blindness to policy priorities. It requires independence in conducting audits, investigations and oversight.

There's a significant difference between supporting efforts to protect taxpayer dollars and compromising investigative integrity. That distinction escapes Greenblatt.

In fact, rooting out waste, fraud and abuse is precisely what inspectors general are supposed to do.

My office has aggressively pursued pandemic-era unemployment fraud, identifying hundreds of millions of dollars in recoverable taxpayer funds and freezing suspicious accounts. We've launched investigations that have led to arrests and recovery efforts nationwide.

None of that has compromised a single investigation. In fact, our investigative work has expanded — because we refuse to sit on the sidelines issuing academic critiques while criminals steal from hard-working Americans.

Greenblatt seems particularly disturbed that I'm actively participating in Vance's White House Fraud Task Force. He presents collaboration as evidence of political capture.

Yet Americans *expect* government officials to collaborate when confronting major problems like the historic levels of fraud we've uncovered. Isolating IGs simply to preserve the appearance of independence is exactly the type of outdated thinking that allowed hundreds of billions of taxpayer dollars to disappear in the first place.

ANTHONY D'ESPOSITO

My responsibility is not to protect Washington traditions — but to protect taxpayers. That means sitting at the table when solutions are being developed.

It means collaborating with the vice president's task force when coordinated enforcement can help recover stolen funds. And it means retaining complete independence when audits, investigations or prosecutions require scrutiny of anyone — regardless of title, position or political affiliation.

Before entering public service, I spent nearly two decades as a highly decorated NYPD detective. My job was simple: follow the facts, find the suspects, embrace technology and build the case.

Criminals don't wear political labels, and investigators don't ask about party affiliation before pursuing the truth. That mindset continues to guide every decision I make as an IG.

The reality is simple: independence is measured by actions. My office doesn't check polling data before issuing subpoenas, or seek permission before exposing failures. In fact, one of our first significant actions under my leadership was opening an investigation involving now-former Labor Secretary Lori Chavez-DeRemer. She was Trump's appointee and ally, yet we proceeded because the facts warranted review.

What frustrates some members of the old watchdog establishment is not that this administration's IGs are less independent; it's that we're more effective. For too long, government oversight meant nothing but reports that gathered dust and recommendations that were ignored.

But Americans want results. They want stolen money recovered and fraudsters prosecuted. They want accountability. That's exactly what we're delivering.

Perhaps if Greenblatt had been doing the job Americans expected him to do, we wouldn't find ourselves still digging out from the rampant, unchecked fraud of the Biden administration. But while he's lamenting change, others are busy finding fraud, protecting taxpayers and restoring public trust through action.

Anthony D'Esposito is the Labor Department's inspector general.

Cali's Self-Sabotage Road to Utter Ruin

BY any measure, California is a failed state — and a national embarrassment. What happened to the nation's most richly naturally endowed, and once best-governed, state? The left took total control — after millions of the embattled middle class fled.

Millions more impoverished immigrants, legal and illegal, took their place. Left-wing Silicon Valley spawned some of the wealthiest elite liberal enclaves in the world. The result was a neo-feudal society that's hardly democratic.

The remaining pyramidal economic structure ensured a Democratic monopoly — further entrenched by changing balloting laws, gerrymandering voting districts, vote harvesting and ignoring or undermining popular referenda.

For example, in 2014, Californians voted for Proposition 1, a $7.5 billion water bond designed to solve the state's chronic water storage deficit. Included was $2.7 billion specifically designated for new reservoirs: The last major reservoir had been built in 1980, when California had roughly half its current population.

VICTOR DAVIS HANSON

But bureaucracies, elected officials and green activists blocked all new reservoir construction. Adding insult to injury, Gov. Gavin Newsom used $250 million from the Proposition 1 fund to blow up four Klamath River dams that had once provided storage, electrical generation, recreation and flood control.

Californians have twice voted in referenda to bar the use of racial preferences for contracting, admissions and promotion in public institutions. Most public universities simply ignored the law and continued "diversity" quotas under new names, against the people's will.

"It's a state where democracy dies. Along with everything else."

California voters in 2008 passed Proposition 11 to stop political gerrymandering via a supposedly nonpartisan state redistricting commission. But Democratic lobbyists and lawyers sabotaged the goal of disinterested redistricting.

Although Republicans usually achieved nearly 40% of the California vote in national elections, two decades later there were only seven Republicans in the 52-person congressional delegation, a mere 13% of the state's representatives. Even that tiny contingent was considered too generous by the left: The 2026 redistricting will likely push the GOP down to four or five seats.

The balloting mess in the recent Los Angeles mayoral race shows just how dysfunctional and anti-democratic California has become. Democrats warp elections in a "legal" manner by passing insane laws that ensure fraud and Democratic victories.

Winners in the strange jungle primaries — usually both Democrats — weren't announced until a week after the polls closed. One of the eventual winners in the mayoral race, the socialist Nithya Raman, gave a teary concession speech on Election Night. Republican Spencer Pratt was comfortably ahead of her in second place then — only to lose when large numbers of late ballots that broke roughly 90% Democratic arrived.

Remember, every registered voter is sent a mail-in ballot. If it's postmarked on Election Day, it can arrive at vote centers up to seven days after the election.No one really knows whether the ballots are mailed to the dead, to former or nonexistent addresses, or to legally eligible voters — by design.

Anyone can register and receive a provisional ballot on the same day. Campaign operatives can round up voters, gather their ballots and deliver them en masse to a voting center.

Democrats now rely on this system to ensure supermajorities in both houses of the state legislature. The more Democrats control the state, the more socialist, anti-democratic and autocratic California becomes. Their gift to the nation is a third-world failed state, now in danger of societal collapse.

Fires rage — given ideologically driven prohibitions on brush and forest management and sheer bureaucratic incompetence. Multibillion-dollar boondoggle rail projects rust. Billions of welfare dollars are stolen with impunity.

Illegal aliens who cannot speak or read English are given passes to obtain commercial trucking licenses. Since 2020, over 100,000 criminals have been released early from state prisons. And the homeless without addresses or IDs can determine elections.

In sum, import poverty; romanticize illegal immigration; demonize the middle class; drive out private-sector capital; and exempt elites from the consequences of their own ideology — and you're left with a state where democracy dies. Along with everything else.

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N-S vulnerable

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♡ Q 9 8 7 4
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♣ A 6

WEST
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♡ A 3 2
◇ J 7
♣ Q J 10 3

EAST
♠ 6 2
♡ None
◇ Q 10 9 5 2
♣ K 9 8 7 4 2

SOUTH
♠ A K
♡ K J 10 6 5
◇ A K 6 4 3
♣ 5

South	West	North	East
1♡	Pass	4♡	Pass
4 NT	Pass	5◇	Pass
6♡	All Pass		

Opening lead – ♣ Q

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Cy the Cynic is no candidate for a no-belly prize; he is way overweight.

"Exercise," I told Cy. "Try jogging."

"If God wanted me to jog," he said, "he would have given me a fast-forward button, not a belly button."

Cy often fast-forwards in the play -- often to his cost. As declarer at today's slam, Cy took the ace of clubs and led a trump to his king, winning. He then led ... a second trump.

West took the ace and led a third trump. The Cynic won, cashed the A-K of spades and A-K of diamonds, ruffed a diamond and ruffed a spade. When East discarded, Cy lacked the entries to set up and cash dummy's fifth spade; he lost a diamond at the end.

Cy played too fast, as is his wont. After he wins the first trump, he can proceed thus: ace of diamonds, diamond ruff, ace of spades, diamond ruff, club ruff, diamond ruff. Cy can then lead a trump to West, ruff the club return, draw the last trump and win the last two tricks with the king of diamonds and king of spades.

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From the word or phrase above, form **AT LEAST 17** five-letter words, without using more than one form of the same word. For example, drink or drank (not both).

ANSWERS IN TOMORROW'S POST
Saturday's word:
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abler	baler	blear	ideal	
ailed	bared	braid	idler	
aired	beard	bread	rabid	
alder	blade	bride	rebid	

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Quick Crossword

Across
1 Channel that brings tears to one's eyes?
5 Grow frantic
10 "__ my memory": "Remind me"
13 Worker protection org.
14 Unavailable
15 Serving success
16 Flightless migration on a farm?
18 "Despite that ... "
19 Tempts
20 Nobel Peace Prize winner Sadat
22 "Who even __ you?"
23 "Where babies come from" class, briefly
25 The __ of one's existence
26 On a smaller scale
28 Sicilia's country
30 Thought
31 Animal life of a region
34 Penn of "Harold & Kumar" films
35 Flightless migration on a pond?
38 __ and cheese
41 Tempos
42 Letters not found on a 24-hour clock
46 Under threat
48 Also
50 Clump of earth
51 "Your food is getting cold!"
54 Puffin kin
55 Maya of "Stranger Things"
57 Bugs Bunny fare
59 "Kinda like that"
60 Flightless migration on Thanksgiving?
63 "New" prefix
64 Nordic noir novelist Larsson
65 Some poke fish
66 Telepathy, e.g.
67 "Got it?," slangily
68 Do as one's told

Down
1 Rx writer
2 Guided (in)
3 Like dim sum and bao buns
4 Diplomatic skill
5 "Easy-peasy-lemon-squeezy!"
6 Granny flat, maybe
7 Breastfeed
8 The Cyclones of the NCAA
9 Wrestler/actor John
10 Flightless migration in Toronto?
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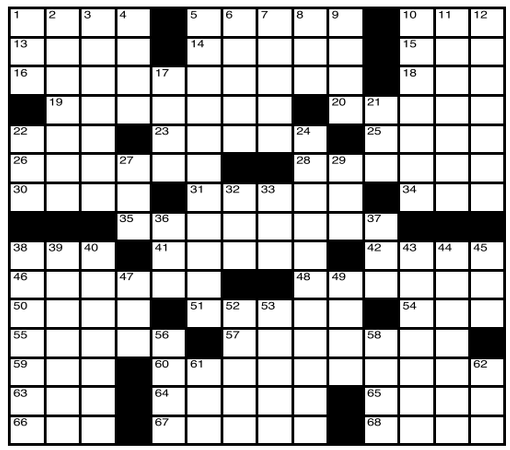

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USMCA meet

Canadian officials will meet their Mexican and US counterparts on July 1 for the first trilateral meeting to review the US-Mexico-Canada trade agreement, CTV News reported on Saturday.

Porsche cuts

Porsche CEO Michael Leiters expects a swift conclusion to negotiations with employees on a second cost-cutting package at the carmaker, according to an interview with Frankfurter Allgemeine Sonntagszeitung.

Big Irish deal

Ireland's CRH is nearing a deal to acquire its rival Arcosa in an acquisition that would be the Irish company's largest-ever takeover, the Financial Times reported on Sunday, citing people familiar with matter.

Japan's goal

Japan plans to set a target of about $2.3 trillion in combined public and private investment by 2040 as part of Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi's growth strategy, the Nikkei reported Friday.

A Brexit error

Up to two thirds of British voters, across party lines, believe Britain's decision to leave the European Union in 2016 has had a negative impact on the country, a poll showed on Sunday.

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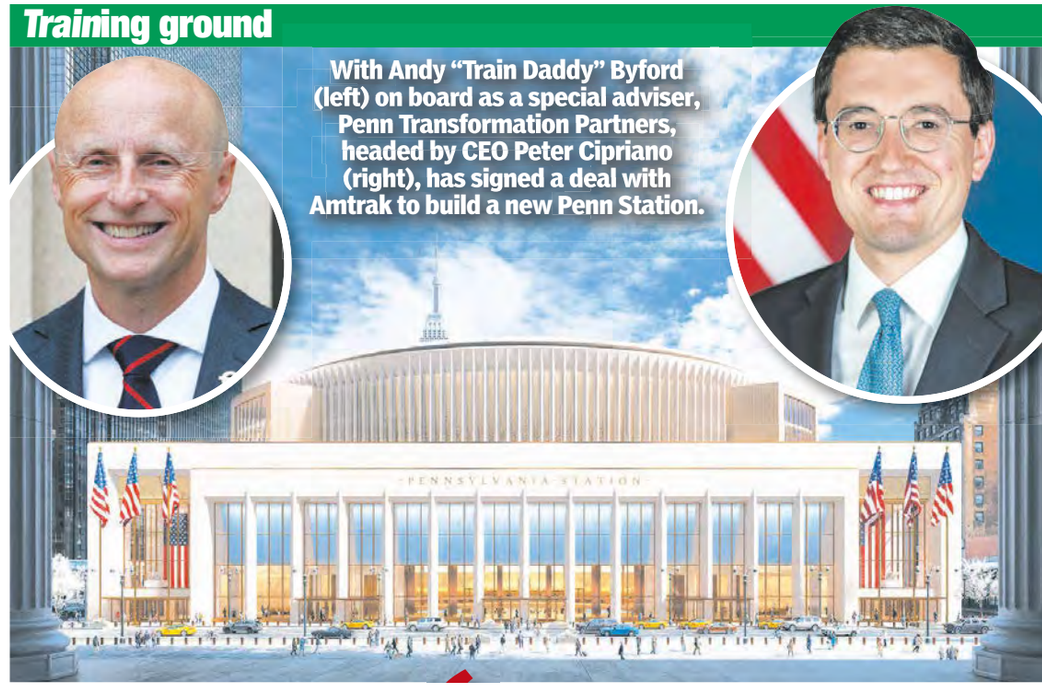

With Andy "Train Daddy" Byford (left) on board as a special adviser, Penn Transformation Partners, headed by CEO Peter Cipriano (right), has signed a deal with Amtrak to build a new Penn Station.

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MARKING a milestone toward building a new Penn Station, Amtrak and Penn Transformation Partners have signed a pre-development agreement — a legally binding contract that paves the way to a final design and detailed budget for the $7 billion-to-$8 billion project.

The pre-development phase will run through 2027, during which time Amtrak and the development partners will conduct "robust" community engagement before the final plan is completed, they said.

Amtrak owns Penn Station. Its role in transforming the station is led by special adviser Andy "Train Daddy" Byford, who won accolades for his term as head of New York City Transit from 2018-20. PTP is a joint venture led by Halmar, a New York-based heavy-construction firm that's part of an Italian conglomerate, and Swedish-based construction and development giant Skanska.

Amtrak and PTP are advancing a top-to-bottom transformation of the widely hated terminal, the busiest in the US with more than 600,000 weekday rail and subway riders. PTP, headed by CEO Peter Cipriano, was chosen by the US Department of Transportation last month.

Cipriano said, "Now, we will move forward as quickly and efficiently as possible to advance the design, establish a clear path to construction, and ensure the station reflects the needs of riders and the community.

"Thanks to our strong partnership with the Trump Administration, US Department of Transportation and Amtrak, we are moving this once-in-a-generation project from vision to reality," he said.

Garden stays

Unlike other proposals submitted to the DOT, the plan doesn't call for Madison Square Garden, which stands atop the terminal, to be moved.

The new configuration, devised by architect Vishaan Chakrabarti, essentially situates the Garden as a circle within the square of the new terminal. Penn Station's main entrance will be moved to Eighth Avenue behind a grand, colonnaded facade. The upper half of the Garden's unattractive, round "drum" will be reclad with limestone fins and protrude upward from the terminal.

The station's up-and-down and confusing ticket counters, waiting areas and corridors will be replaced by a single-level, light-flooded concourse with soaring ceilings and stores, restaurants and customer-service facilities to promote public activity.

Byford said, "The momentum continues to transform Penn Station. Having a renowned partner in PTP officially onboard ensures the project will progress further and faster while meeting all deadlines on schedule.

"New Yorkers just experienced the Knicks championship right above the station and we're committed to giving them something to be equally proud of within the same building where a banner will be raised," Byford said.

The federal DOT invested $243 million to support the project's early stages. The agency is also investing nearly $5 billion into Amtrak's Northeast Rail Corridor.

'Dear' New York

DearU, a global K-Pop company, will bring its US flagship and its first permanent brick-and-mortar store to 24 Union Square East. Newmark's Jeffrey Roseman and Drew Weiss are the exclusive leasing agents for the property's owners, the S. Klein Family LLC.

The 9,932 square-foot store, to be called Bubble House New York, will fill the building's ground floor.

DearU is a South Korea-based global entertainment technology company that helps fans connect with K-Pop artists. The new store's "experiential concept" will blend merchandise, exclusive activations and fan-engagement experiences to connect artists and fans in a physical setting.

Roseman commented, "Dear U's first permanent retail location reflects the neighborhood's appeal to experiential concepts and international brands looking to engage consumers in new ways."

Its arrival comes as the Union Square area is enjoying a frenzy of retail leasing that has gobbled up previously dark storefronts.

The DearU space was previously leased to Raymour & Flanigan. Tae Moon and Jin Kim of KORINY INC represented DearU in lease negotiations.

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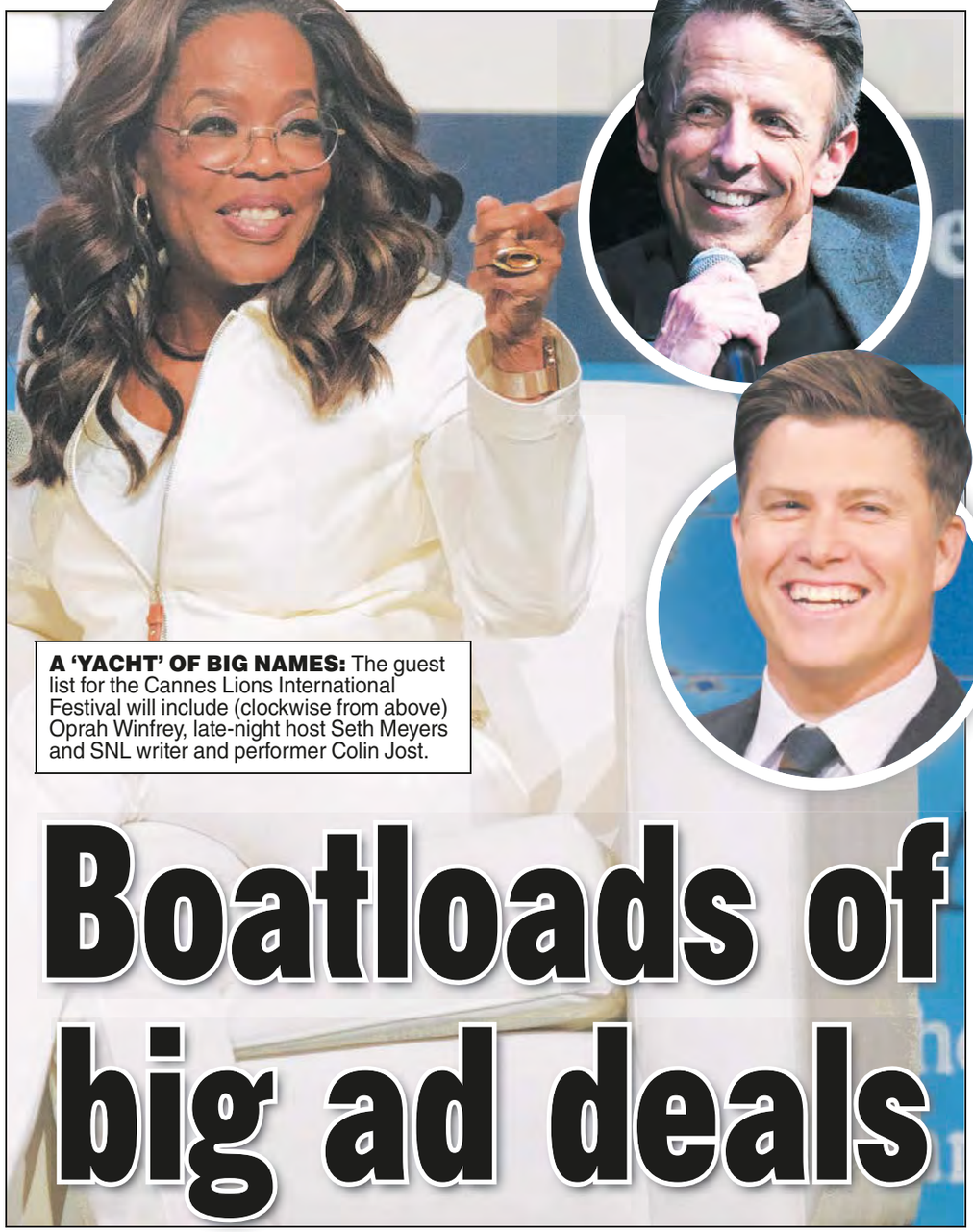

A 'YACHT' OF BIG NAMES: The guest list for the Cannes Lions International Festival will include (clockwise from above) Oprah Winfrey, late-night host Seth Meyers and SNL writer and performer Colin Jost.

Boatloads of big ad deals

By ALEXANDRA STEIGRAD

The media, tech and advertising elite are steering their megayachts toward the French seaside town of Cannes, where the industry's biggest names are set to wine, dine and hammer out deals worth millions.

The rosé-and-champagne-fueled weeklong event, known as the Cannes Lions International Festival of Creativity, is back this week for its 73rd year with over 13,000 attendees from more than 90 countries, including a heavy-hitting list of celebs, musicians and athletes.

3C Ventures founder **Michael Kassan**, who has been coming to Cannes Lions for over 25 years, reminisced about how the festival has evolved into the place to be if you're in media and advertising.

"Twenty-six years ago, you went to Cannes, you went to the Palais, you saw the work, and then you went to the Gutter Bar and got drunk," Kassan said, referring to the town's dingy, all-night watering hole.

In the years since, Kassan helped grow the festival beyond the confines of the Palais convention center and onto the town's beachfront, becoming a mega-event that melds creativity, commerce, tech, entertainment and business.

The conference's guest list reflects that evolution. This year, Cannes Lions will honor **Oprah Winfrey**, who will deliver a keynote talk and accept a LionHeart award for her creativity and philanthropic leadership, as well as Apple senior vice president of services and Health **Eddy Cue**, who will accept the "Entertainment Person of the Year" award.

Headlining speakers include actor and producer **Alan Cumming**, "Saturday Night Live" writer and performer **Colin Jost**, **Seth Meyers**, the host of NBC's "Late Night with Seth Meyers," as well as Publicis Groupe CEO **Arthur Sadoun**, EBay CEO **Jamie Iannone** and E.L.F Beauty chairman and CEO **Tarang Amin**.

But most of the action will take place outside of the Palais and spill over to La Croissette, the beachside main drag where companies will hold talks on the hottest topics such as artificial intelligence, sports media, commerce media and influencer marketing.

Despite the mixed economic outlook, execs are buzzing about the emergence of giants like ChatGPT-maker OpenAI and how it is expected to change the ad landscape.

OpenAI's recent projection of $2.5 billion in ad revenue this year and $100 billion by 2030 has execs cheering that there may be a new player to compete with the juggernauts that are Google, Meta and TikTok.

"It feels like a tectonic change in the digital landscape," said **Rob Wilk**, the chief revenue officer of Yahoo. "A new player coming out of nowhere and three years later becoming or predicting themselves to be, let's say, a top-five publisher in terms of revenue is a very, very large change."

Wilk is banking on Yahoo's own answer to ChatGPT, Yahoo Scout, which it is set to roll out this year.

At Cannes Lions, Yahoo is bringing a purple submarine parked on the Croisette. Upon entering the vessel — which nods to **Wes Anderson**'s "The Life Aquatic with Steve Zissou" and the theme of exploration — guests will get to test out Scout.

It makes use of Yahoo's data, content, user insights and deep search history, and includes an AI-powered chatbot for Yahoo Sports called "Ask Kevin O'Connor," which answers fans' NBA Draft questions written by Yahoo senior analyst **Kevin O'Connor**.

The rollout is an example of how brands are approaching AI – more as a tool to amplify creativity and boost the bottom line than a cost-cutting tool for business efficiency, marking a subtle shift from years past.

"AI is a topic we all love to hate and hate to love," said **Mark Wagman**, managing director of MediaLink and a partner at UTA. "I think that the pendulum has swung a little bit back in a good way towards looking at AI as not 'replacement' for people, but more as an enhancement, as a tool to allow them to do cooler, better, bigger things."

Ad tech agency Kargo said it uses AI and data insights via its in-house tool, Project KERA, to help its clients get the most bang for their buck.

According to the firm's chief operating officer **Michael Shaughnessy**, one challenge brands are facing is cutting through the noise of all the different media outlets trying to reach the consumer.

Using Project Kera, which Shaughnessy called Kargo's "intelligence layer," he's able to show clients how to target an audience across web, connected TV and social media by melding AI and creator storytelling.

"The people that will succeed in the future of media will be those that understand how to connect AI with creators, with commerce and premium media. And premium media is evolving just based on where people are spending their time," Shaughnessy said.

Meanwhile, **Beth Sidhu**, CEO of Sport Beach, told The Post that fandom and sports have blown up for marketers because it "is the last appointment viewing and uninterruptible by AI."

She added that "everyone's a sports marketer now" because of the power of the subject matter.

Sport Beach is returning for its fourth year and will bring athletes such as Jacksonville Jaguars defensive end **Arik Armstead**, Boston Celtics point guard **Jaylen Brown**, pro golfer **Bryson DeChambeau** and WNBA legend **Diana Taurasi**.

Lucas Petry, director of communications and public relations at Clarins USA, echoed the importance of in-person marketing via creator content to amplify a brand's message.

"Creators are essential partners in translating scientific expertise into authentic stories that resonate with consumers," he said. "For us, success means combining proven efficacy with cultural relevance to build lasting trust and drive measurable business results."

The French beauty brand is expanding its presence at the festival for the launch of its cryo-plumping lip oil. It will host VIP nightly tables at the Crane Club, located at the Carlton Hotel's Ruya restaurant.

Josh Rosenberg, CEO of creative communications firm Day One Agency echoed the importance of real-life ad campaigns, adding that one of his company's most successful campaigns was all about striking a personal connection.

Day One partnered with Chipotle to create a one-hour buy-one-get-one promotion if the customer showed off their tattoo at the register.

The promo took place in March on Friday the 13th, a popular date to get inked, and it turned out to be one of Chipotle's best sales days. Rosenberg said.

"We listen a lot to our fandom," he said.

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Request for Proposals

RFP No. PW- B90025-02D

The Nassau County Department of Public Works intends to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Architectural/Engineering (A/E) services in connection with the following:

Rehabilitation of Aquatic Center Building-Design

The Nassau County Department of Public Works is requesting proposals from firms to provide Professional Architectural/Engineering (A/E) Services for Nassau County Department of Public Work's Building Department for the Rehabilitation of the Aquatic Center Building located in Eisenhower Park, East Meadow, NY 11554. The firms selected to provide these services will be awarded a four (4) year Agreement with the County.

Sealed Proposals regarding this project are due *on or before* ***3:00 P.M. on Friday, July 17, 2026,*** at the location specified within the RFP. **No late proposals will be accepted.**

Please note that this is not the Request for Proposals. An actual copy of the RFP and related Addenda may be obtained here**: https://apex5.nassaucountyny.gov/ords/f?p=533:226. To access these documents, click on the "Vendor Portal" link.**

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The proposer shall be required to comply with a good faith effort minimum of 15% MWBE goal and good faith effort minimum of 2% SDVOB goal for this project and with the requirements of Local Laws No. 14-2002, "Participation by Minority Group Members and Women in Nassau County Contracts," and 2-2016, "Participation of Service-Disabled Veterans in County Contracts." All Proposers should review the provisions of Appendix EE (included as an attachment to the RFP) which outlines the requirements of Local law No. 14-2002. Technical proposals shall include information regarding the Proposers plan to comply with Local Law No. 14-2002 and Local Law 2-2016. MWBE UTILIZATION PLAN – In accordance with Title 53, Nassau County Local Law No. 14-2002, all Vendors shall submit a MWBE Utilization Plan with their Proposal.

All questions regarding this RFP should be submitted by email, prior to close of business on **Friday, July 3, 2026,** to Valiant Yeung, R.A. at **vyeung@nassaucountyny.gov**

Dated: June 22, 2026
By: Michael Kwaschyn, P.E., Commissioner of Public Works

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Request for Proposals

RFP No. PW- B50700-01D

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Police Headquarters Windows and Fan Coil Unit Replacement

The Nassau County Department of Public Works is requesting proposals from firms to provide Professional Architectural/Engineering (A/E) Services for Nassau County Department of Public Work's Building Department for the renovation including full window replacement and fan coil HVAC improvements at the Nassau County Police Headquarters building located at 1490 Franklin Avenue in Mineola, NY 11501. The firms selected to provide these services will be awarded a four (4) year Agreement with the County.

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Dated: June 22, 2026
By: Michael Kwaschyn, P.E., Commissioner of Public Works

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Request for Proposals

RFP No. PW- B90611-27D

The Nassau County Department of Public Works intends to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Architectural/Engineering (A/E) services in connection with the following:

Design Services - Rehabilitation of the Nassau County Supreme Court Building Envelope

The Nassau County Department of Public Works is requesting proposals from firms to provide Professional Architectural/Engineering (A/E) Services for Nassau County Department of Public Work's Building Department for the rehabilitation of the building envelope (façade, mechanical bulkhead, windows and roof) at the Nassau County Supreme Court building located at 100 Supreme Court Drive in Mineola, NY 11501. The firms selected to provide these services will be awarded a four (4) year Agreement with the County.

Sealed Proposals regarding this project are due *on or before* ***3:00 P.M. on Friday, July 17, 2026,*** at the location specified within the RFP. **No late proposals will be accepted.**

Please note that this is not the Request for Proposals. An actual copy of the RFP and related Addenda may be obtained here**: https://apex5.nassaucountyny.gov/ords/f?p=533:226. To access these documents, click on the "Vendor Portal" link.**

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AL Standings

East	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Yankees	46	30	.605	—	—	6-4	L-2	22-15	24-15
Tampa Bay	43	31	.581	2	+6½	4-6	W-1	26-10	17-21
Toronto	38	39	.494	8½	—	6-4	W-1	21-18	17-21
Baltimore	37	42	.468	10½	2	5-5	W-2	22-19	15-23
Boston	31	44	.413	14½	6	4-6	L-1	12-25	19-19

Central	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Cleveland	41	37	.526	—	—	4-6	L-1	19-17	22-20
Chicago	39	37	.513	1	+1½	4-6	L-3	24-12	15-25
Minnesota	38	41	.481	3½	1	7-3	W-2	20-19	18-22
Detroit	33	44	.429	7½	5	5-5	W-3	21-16	12-28
Kansas City	32	46	.410	9	6½	4-6	L-1	19-22	13-24

West	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Seattle	40	39	.506	—	—	4-6	W-1	22-19	18-20
Athletics	38	40	.487	1½	½	5-5	L-2	18-23	20-17
Texas	37	40	.481	2	1	4-6	W-1	19-18	18-22
Houston	37	42	.468	3	2	6-4	W-1	20-21	17-21
Los Angeles	32	47	.405	8	7	5-5	W-2	17-20	15-27

***WGB:** Games behind third-place team in wild-card race

Sunday
Cincinnati 4, **Yankees** 1
Tampa Bay 4, Washington 3
Houston 2, Cleveland 1
Detroit 5, White Sox 4, 10 inn.
Texas 4, San Diego 3
St. Louis 12, Kansas City 10
Minnesota 4, Arizona 2
Seattle 3, Boston 1
L.A. Angels 9, Athletics 7
Baltimore 12, L.A. Dodgers 1
Toronto at Cubs, ppd.

Monday
Yankees at Detroit, 6:10
Kansas City at Tampa Bay, 6:40
Texas at Miami, 6:40
Houston at Toronto, 7:07
Cleveland at White Sox, 7:40
L.A. Dodgers at Minnesota, 7:40
Boston at Colorado, 8:40
Baltimore at L.A. Angels, 9:38

Tuesday
Yankees at Detroit, 6:40
Houston at Toronto, 4:07
Kansas City at Tampa Bay, 6:40
Seattle at Pittsburgh, 6:40
Texas at Miami, 6:40
Cleveland at White Sox, 7:40
L.A. Dodgers at Minnesota, 7:40
Boston at Colorado, 8:40
Baltimore at L.A. Angels, 9:38
Athletics at San Francisco, 9:45

NL Standings

East	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Atlanta	48	28	.632	—	—	3-7	L-1	24-14	24-14
Philadelphia	42	35	.545	6½	+2	6-4	W-2	23-19	19-16
Miami	40	38	.513	9	½	7-3	W-4	26-16	14-22
Washington	40	38	.513	9	½	5-5	L-1	16-22	24-16
Mets	34	43	.442	14½	6	5-5	L-2	18-18	16-25

Central	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Milwaukee	46	29	.613	—	—	5-5	W-1	25-15	21-14
St. Louis	41	34	.547	5	+2	4-6	W-1	21-17	20-17
Chicago	40	37	.519	7	—	6-4	L-1	23-17	17-20
Pittsburgh	39	39	.500	8½	1½	4-6	W-1	20-19	19-20
Cincinnati	37	39	.487	9½	2½	5-5	W-2	19-19	18-20

West	W	L	Pct.	GB	*WGB	L10	Streak	Home	Away
Los Angeles	49	29	.628	—	—	6-4	L-2	26-14	23-15
San Diego	39	37	.513	9	½	5-5	L-1	19-19	20-18
Arizona	39	38	.506	9½	1	5-5	L-2	24-17	15-21
San Francisco	31	46	.403	17½	9	4-6	L-3	14-20	17-26
Colorado	30	48	.385	19	10½	4-6	L-1	16-21	14-27

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Sunday
Cincinnati 4, **Yankees** 1
Philadelphia 6, **Mets** 2
Miami 2, San Francisco 1
Milwaukee 9, Atlanta 4
Tampa Bay 4, Washington 3
Texas 4, San Diego 3
St. Louis 12, Kansas City 10
Minnesota 4, Arizona 2
Pittsburgh 8, Colorado 6
Baltimore 12, L.A. Dodgers 1
Toronto at Cubs, ppd.

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Arizona at St. Louis, 7:45
Boston at Colorado, 8:40
Atlanta at San Diego, 10:10

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Texas at Miami, 6:40
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Solution to Very Easy #7,317

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Solution to Difficult #7,107

Reds 4, Yankees 1

Cincinnati	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Dunn cf	4	0	2	0	1	1	.289
Bleday lf	3	0	0	0	0	0	.254
Stewart 1b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.252
McLain ss	0	0	0	0	0	0	.204
Lowe dh	3	1	0	0	1	0	.257
Steer 2b-1b	4	1	1	0	0	2	.240
Suárez 3b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.208
Marte rf	4	1	2	1	0	0	.225
Stephenson c	4	1	1	3	0	0	.211
Arroyo ss-2b	3	0	0	0	1	0	.240
Totals	33	4	7	4	3	6	

Yankees	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Rice 1b	3	1	2	1	1	1	.293
Domínguez rf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.241
Bellinger dh	3	0	1	0	1	1	.276
Jones cf	2	0	0	0	0	1	.218
Schuemann ph-lf	2	0	0	0	0	1	.207
Chisholm 2b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.226
Caballero lf-cf	3	0	1	0	1	0	.262
McMahon 3b	2	0	0	0	0	1	.210
Rosario ph-3b	2	0	1	0	0	0	.250
Wells c	2	0	0	0	0	1	.163
Goldschmidt ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.289
Sánchez c	1	0	0	0	0	0	.294
Volpe ss	3	0	0	0	1	2	.258
Totals	32	1	7	1	4	10	

Cincinnati	000	300	001	—	4	7	0
Yankees	001	000	000	—	1	7	2

E: Wells (2), Caballero (5). **LOB:** Cincinnati 6, New York 8. **2B:** Steer (13), Marte (4). **HR:** Stephenson (6), off Rodríguez; Rice (22), off Burns. **RBIs:** Stephenson 3 (22), Marte (4), Rice (53). **SB:** Domínguez 2 (3), Bellinger 2 (10), Chisholm 2 (23). **CS:** Caballero (7), Dunn (3). **RISP:** Cincinnati 2 for 9; New York 0 for 9.

Cincinnati	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Burns, W, 9-1	5.0	5	1	1	3	7	96	2.00
Moll, H, 3	1.0	1	0	0	1	1	21	3.19
Ferguson, H, 2	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	13	1.50
Santillan, S, 5-9	2.0	0	0	0	0	1	16	5.10

Yankees	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Rodríguez, L, 0-2	4.0	4	3	3	2	4	80	4.76
Hill	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	11	4.34
Blackburn	1.1	0	0	0	0	0	7	2.91
Headrick	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	11	1.73
Cruz	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	12	2.20
Doval	1.0	2	1	1	1	2	29	5.22

T: 2:56. **A:** 46,046 (47,309).

Tigers 5, White Sox 4, 10 inn.

Chicago	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Antonacci lf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.287
Perez lf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.333
Benintendi dh	3	0	0	0	0	0	.234
Grichuk ph-dh	1	0	0	0	0	1	.260
C.Montgomery 3b-ss	4	0	0	0	0	1	.221
Meidroth 2b	4	0	0	0	0	3	.271
B.Montgomery rf	4	1	2	0	0	0	.231
Gonzalez 1b	4	1	0	0	0	0	.167
Quero c	4	0	1	0	0	1	.187
Peters cf	3	1	2	2	0	0	.289
Acuña ss	3	1	1	2	0	0	.213
Vargas ph-3b	1	0	0	0	0	0	.236
Totals	35	4	6	4	0	7	

Detroit	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
McGonigle ss	3	0	1	0	2	0	.283
Dingler c	5	1	2	2	0	1	.269
Carpenter rf	5	1	0	0	0	2	.225
Greene dh-lf	4	1	2	0	1	1	.290
Torkelson 1b	4	0	2	1	1	0	.208
Keith 3b	5	1	1	0	0	0	.260
Outman cf	2	0	0	0	0	1	.169
Vierling ph-cf	3	0	1	1	0	0	.200
Cruz lf	2	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Lee ph-2b	2	0	1	0	0	1	.231
McKinstry 2b	2	0	2	1	0	0	.177
Jones ph-lf	2	1	1	0	0	1	.146
Vest p	0	0	0	0	0	0	---
Totals	39	5	13	5	4	7	

Chicago	000	002	100	1	—	4	6	1
Detroit	000	010	011	2	—	5	13	0

No outs when winning run scored. **LOB:** Chicago 3, Detroit 12. **2B:** Peters (16), McKinstry (4), Lee (5). **HR:** Acuña (1), off Montero; Dingler (18), off Taylor. **RBIs:** Acuña 2 (10), Peters 2 (24), McKinstry (11), Dingler 2 (55), Torkelson (30), Vierling (26). **SB:** Keith (4). **SF:** Peters. **RISP:** Chicago 1 for 3; Detroit 5 for 11. **DP:** Chicago 2 (Meidroth, Acuña, Gonzalez; Acuña, Meidroth, Gonzalez).

Chicago	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Martin	6.0	5	1	1	3	4	77	3.18
Hudson, H, 5	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	10	2.27
Taylor, H, 5	1.0	1	1	1	1	1	20	2.39
Domínguez, BS, 12-16	1.0	3	1	1	0	1	27	3.86
Eisert, L, 1-1, BS, 0-1	0.0	2	2	1	0	0	14	6.00
Hicks	0.0	1	0	0	0	0	2	5.60

Detroit	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Montero	7.0	6	3	3	0	3	76	3.68
Sommers	1.0	0	0	0	0	3	17	0.00
Finnegan	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	13	2.02
Vest, W, 3-4	1.0	0	1	0	0	0	16	5.92

T: 2:40. **A:** 40,021 (41,083).

Phillies 6, Mets 2

Mets	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Benge rf	3	2	1	1	1	1	.257
Bichette ss	4	0	0	0	0	2	.248
Soto lf	3	0	1	0	1	1	.301
Young 1b	3	0	1	0	1	1	.239
Ewing cf	4	0	2	1	0	0	.266
Semien 2b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.219
Baty 3b	2	0	0	0	0	1	.219
Wagaman ph-3b	1	0	0	0	0	1	.231
Melendez ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	.189
Alvarez dh	4	0	0	0	0	3	.250
Torrens c	3	0	1	0	0	1	.221
Totals	32	2	6	2	3	14	

Philadelphia	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Turner ss	3	2	1	0	1	0	.227
Schwarber dh	3	2	1	3	1	1	.255
Harper 1b	4	1	3	1	0	1	.266
Bohm 3b	3	0	1	0	1	0	.232
Sosa lf	3	0	1	1	0	1	.237
Crawford pr-cf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.244
Marsh rf-lf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.310
Realmuto c	4	0	0	0	0	0	.205
Hill cf-rf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.219
Stott 2b	4	1	1	0	0	1	.236
Totals	32	6	9	5	3	7	

Mets	001	001	000	—	2	6	1
Philadelphia	230	010	00x	—	6	9	0

E: Baty (5). **LOB:** New York 6, Philadelphia 6. **2B:** Harper (14). **HR:** Benge (9), off Wheeler; Schwarber (29), off Peterson; Harper (17), off Warren. **RBIs:** Benge (29), Ewing (13), Sosa (19), Schwarber 3 (52), Harper (44). **Runners left in scoring position:** New York 3 (Alvarez 2, Semien); Philadelphia 3 (Sosa, Marsh, Realmuto). **RISP:** New York 0 for 7; Philadelphia 3 for 9. **GIDP:** Stott. **DP:** New York 1 (Bichette, Young).

Mets	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Peterson, L, 3-6	4.0	6	5	4	2	5	79	6.09
Warren	2.0	2	1	1	1	2	37	2.76
Raley	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	21	1.93
Minter	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	9	0.00

Philadelphia	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Wheeler, W, 7-1	5.2	4	2	2	3	7	104	2.11
Bowlan, H, 2	0.1	0	0	0	0	1	4	3.52
Alvarado	1.0	1	0	0	0	2	21	6.33
Kerkering	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	11	2.20
Duran	1.0	1	0	0	0	3	15	1.75

T: 2:45. **A:** 41,552 (42,901).

Astros 2, Guardians 1

Cleveland	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Bazzana dh	4	0	1	1	0	2	.273
Manzardo 1b	4	0	1	0	0	0	.238
Rocchio ss	4	0	1	0	0	0	.268
Arias 3b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.213
Schneemann 2b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.213
Watson rf	2	0	0	0	0	1	.000
Fry ph-lf	2	0	0	0	0	2	.223
Kwan lf	2	0	0	0	0	0	.206
Fairchild ph-rf	0	0	0	0	1	0	.188
Bailey c	1	0	0	0	1	0	.181
Hoskins ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	.174
Hedges c	0	0	0	0	0	0	.260
Halpin cf	3	1	1	0	0	1	.171
Totals	31	1	4	1	2	10	

Houston	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Peña ss	4	0	1	0	0	1	.283
Alvarez lf	2	2	1	1	2	0	.322
Matthews lf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.206
Walker 1b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.241
Paredes 3b	4	0	3	1	0	0	.246
Altuve dh	4	0	0	0	0	1	.235
Loperfido cf	3	0	0	0	0	0	.241
Meyers cf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.210
Cam.Smith rf	3	0	0	0	0	0	.219
Delgado 2b	3	0	1	0	0	0	.364
Vázquez c	2	0	0	0	0	0	.219
Totals	29	2	7	2	2	3	

Cleveland	000	010	000	—	1	4	0
Houston	100	100	00x	—	2	7	0

LOB: Cleveland 5, Houston 6. **2B:** Peña (9). **3B:** Halpin (1). **HR:** Alvarez (25), off Cecconi. **RBIs:** Bazzana (24), Alvarez (56), Paredes (37). **SB:** Fairchild (2). **S:** Vázquez. **Runners left in scoring position:** Cleveland 4 (Schneemann 2, Arias, Halpin); Houston 2 (Walker, Cam.Smith). **RISP:** Cleveland 0 for 5; Houston 1 for 6. **DP:** Cleveland 1 (Rocchio, Schneemann, Rocchio).

Cleveland	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Cecconi, L, 3-6	6.0	6	2	2	2	1	79	4.48
Holderman	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	9	1.63
Gaddis	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	14	3.80

Houston	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Teng, W, 4-6	6.0	4	1	1	1	4	83	4.03
Okert, H, 9	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	3	21	2.48
King, H, 7	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	1	11	2.51
Hader, S, 5-5	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	9	1.12

T: 2:07. **A:** 36,807 (41,000).

Marlins 2, Giants 1

San Francisco	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Arraez 2b	4	1	1	0	0	0	.320
Eldridge dh	3	0	0	0	1	0	.298
Schmitt lf	4	0	2	1	0	0	.296
Devers 1b	3	0	0	0	1	1	.238
Cox pr	0	0	0	0	0	0	.400
Lee rf	3	0	0	0	1	0	.327
Adames ss	4	0	0	0	0	2	.223
Chapman 3b	2	0	0	0	0	1	.243
Gilbert cf	3	0	1	0	0	1	.236
Susac c	3	0	0	0	0	1	.278
Totals	29	1	4	1	3	6	

Miami	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Marsee cf	3	0	0	0	0	0	.205
Conine rf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.231
Edwards 2b	3	0	1	0	0	1	.286
Stowers 1b	2	2	1	1	1	0	.223
Lopez ss	3	0	1	1	0	0	.332
Caissie dh	3	0	0	0	0	1	.222
Ruiz lf	3	0	1	0	0	1	.260
Mack c	3	0	0	0	0	1	.248
Norby 3b	3	0	1	0	0	0	.210
Sanoja 3b	0	0	0	0	0	0	.247
Totals	27	2	5	2	1	5	

San Francisco	001	000	000	—	1	4	0
Miami	010	100	00x	—	2	5	0

LOB: San Francisco 5, Miami 3. **2B:** Arraez (16), Lopez (20). **HR:** Stowers (8), off Webb. **RBIs:** Schmitt (42), Stowers (28), Lopez (33). **CS:** Ruiz (3). **S:** Marsee. **Runners left in scoring position:** San Francisco 1 (Devers); Miami 2 (Caissie, Conine). **RISP:** San Francisco 1 for 2; Miami 0 for 2. **GIDP:** Gilbert, Adames. **DP:** Miami 2 (Lopez, Stowers; Sanoja, Edwards, Stowers).

San Francisco	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Webb, L, 4-5	8.0	5	2	2	1	5	103	3.35

Miami	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Gusto	4.1	3	1	1	2	6	68	6.00
King, W, 4-1	1.1	1	0	0	0	0	10	2.14
Faucher, H, 9	1.1	0	0	0	0	0	12	3.13
Petersen, H, 10	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	16	3.34
Bachar, S, 1-1	1.0	0	0	0	1	0	11	3.02

T: 2:14. **A:** 18,749 (37,446).

Rays 4, Nationals 3

Washington	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Wood rf	2	0	0	1	1	1	.270
García 1b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.259
Mead 3b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.228
Abrams ss	4	2	2	1	0	0	.286
Lile lf	4	0	1	0	0	0	.252
Crews cf	4	0	1	1	0	3	.200
Tena dh	2	1	0	0	2	1	.213
Millas c	3	0	0	0	0	2	.182
Nuñez 2b	3	0	2	0	0	0	.236
Totals	30	3	6	3	3	9	

Tampa Bay	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Díaz dh	3	1	2	1	1	0	.326
DeLuca cf	4	1	2	2	0	2	.276
Aranda 1b	3	0	1	0	1	0	.275
Caminero 3b	4	0	0	0	0	3	.280
Vilade rf	4	1	1	1	0	2	.287
Williamson 2b	4	0	1	0	0	0	.244
Simpson lf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.262
Fortes c	4	0	0	0	0	0	.250
Walls ss	4	1	1	0	0	2	.219
Totals	34	4	9	4	2	10	

Washington	001	101	000	—	3	6	1
Tampa Bay	001	001	20x	—	4	9	0

E: Mead (5). **LOB:** Washington 4, Tampa Bay 8. **2B:** Abrams (15), Crews (3), Walls (8), Díaz (12), Williamson (8), DeLuca (12). **HR:** Abrams (17), off Martinez; Vilade (5), off Varland; DeLuca (4), off Ribalta. **RBIs:** Wood (49), Crews (16), Abrams (57), Díaz (49), Vilade (26), DeLuca 2 (22). **SB:** Tena (2), Nuñez (28), Simpson (16). **CS:** Lile (5). **SF:** Wood. **Runners left in scoring position:** Washington 2 (Millas, García); Tampa Bay 7 (Simpson 2, Fortes, Walls, DeLuca, Aranda 2). **RISP:** Washington 2 for 6; Tampa Bay 1 for 6. **DP:** Tampa Bay 1 (Walls, Aranda).

Washington	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Alvarez	4.0	4	1	1	0	6	68	3.34
Varland	2.0	3	1	1	1	2	32	5.16
Ribalta, L, 0-1, BS, 2-4	1.0	2	2	2	1	2	27	3.38
Schultz	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	16	5.34

Tampa Bay	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Martinez	6.0	4	3	3	3	5	88	2.73
Cleavinger, W, 2-2	1.0	1	0	0	0	2	14	4.66
Baker, H, 2	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	19	1.78
Kelly, S, 3-5	1.0	1	0	0	0	2	14	2.60

T: 2:28. **A:** 21,054 (25,025).

Rangers 4, Padres 3

San Diego	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Taylor rf-lf	4	0	1	0	0	2	.362
Merrill cf	4	1	1	0	0	0	.216
Machado 3b	3	1	1	0	1	2	.179
Sheets lf	3	0	1	1	0	1	.230
Andujar ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.253
Bowen rf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.111
Wagner dh	3	0	0	0	0	1	.280
Tatis ph	1	0	1	0	0	0	.285
Bogaerts ss	3	1	2	1	1	1	.229
France 1b	4	0	1	0	0	3	.252
Song 2b	4	0	1	1	0	0	.200
Durán c	4	0	0	0	0	2	.135
Totals	**34**	**3**	**9**	**3**	**2**	**12**	

Texas	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Langford cf	4	1	2	3	0	1	.271
Jung 3b	3	0	2	1	1	0	.309
Nimmo rf	4	0	1	0	0	0	.261
Burger 1b	4	0	2	0	0	1	.253
Pederson dh	3	0	0	0	1	1	.227
Duran ss	4	0	0	0	0	0	.270
Osuna lf	2	0	0	0	0	0	.248
Foscue ph	0	0	0	0	1	0	.267
Kelenic pr-lf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.228
Higashioka c	3	1	0	0	1	2	.222
Díaz c	0	0	0	0	0	0	.295
Lopez 2b	2	2	2	0	0	0	.306
Totals	**29**	**4**	**9**	**4**	**4**	**5**	

San Diego	**0**	**0**	**0**	**3**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**—**	**3**	**9**	**0**
Texas	**0**	**0**	**3**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**x**	**—**	**4**	**9**	**0**

LOB: San Diego 6, Texas 7. **2B:** Merrill (14), Song (2). **HR:** Langford (6), off Giolito. **RBIs:** Sheets (33), Bogaerts (29), Song (5), Langford 3 (16), Jung (31). **SB:** Merrill (15). **CS:** Kelenic (1). **S:** Lopez. **RISP:** San Diego 4 for 10; Texas 2 for 7. **DP:** San Diego 2 (Bogaerts, France; France, Bogaerts, France); Texas 1 (Lopez, Burger).

San Diego	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Peralta	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	11	1.91
Giolito, L, 2-3	4.0	7	4	4	2	2	66	5.16
Hart	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	11	4.09
Marinaccio	1.0	1	0	0	1	0	15	3.72
Matsui	1.0	0	0	0	1	1	17	1.46

Texas	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Eovaldi, W, 7-7	6.0	7	3	3	1	9	94	4.24
Gray, H, 3	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	11	3.42
Ahlstrom, H, 1	1.0	0	0	0	1	0	12	1.12
Junis, S, 5-6	1.0	2	0	0	0	1	15	1.97

T: 2:26. **A:** 36,311 (40,000).

Brewers 9, Braves 4

Milwaukee	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Yelich dh	4	1	0	0	1	0	.269
Chourio lf	5	1	1	1	0	1	.301
Turang 2b	5	1	1	1	0	3	.259
Contreras c	5	2	4	3	0	0	.299
Bauers 1b	5	1	2	0	0	2	.270
Mitchell cf	4	1	0	0	1	1	.248
Frelick rf	4	1	2	2	0	0	.235
Pratt ss	3	0	1	0	1	0	.368
Hamilton 3b	4	1	2	1	0	2	.236
Totals	**39**	**9**	**13**	**8**	**3**	**9**	

Atlanta	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Dubón lf	4	1	3	0	0	0	.262
Baldwin dh	4	0	0	0	0	1	.281
Albies 2b	3	1	1	1	0	0	.284
Olson 1b	2	0	0	0	1	1	.271
Tellez 1b	1	1	1	2	0	0	.200
Harris cf	4	1	1	0	0	1	.306
Riley 3b	4	0	1	0	0	2	.211
Bart c	4	0	0	1	0	0	.231
White rf	3	0	0	0	0	2	.221
Kim ss	3	0	0	0	0	2	.081
Totals	**32**	**4**	**7**	**4**	**1**	**9**	

Milwaukee	**0**	**8**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**9**	**13**	**0**
Atlanta	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**—**	**4**	**7**	**1**

E: Bart (2). **LOB:** Milwaukee 7, Atlanta 3. **2B:** Frelick (10), Hamilton (5), Dubón (14), Harris (11). **HR:** Contreras (7), off Elder; Tellez (1), off Patrick. **RBIs:** Frelick 2 (29), Hamilton (12), Chourio (30), Turang (47), Contreras 3 (46), Albies (41), Bart (7), Tellez 2 (2). **SB:** Hamilton (16), Harris (4). **SF:** Albies. **Runners left in scoring position:** Milwaukee 3 (Mitchell, Yelich, Chourio); Atlanta 0. **RISP:** Milwaukee 5 for 13; Atlanta 0 for 3. **Runners moved up:** Mitchell, Pratt, Baldwin, Bart. **GIDP:** Pratt, Baldwin. **DP:** Milwaukee 1 (Pratt, Bauers); Atlanta 1 (Kim, Albies, Olson).

Milwaukee	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Gasser, W, 1-3	6.0	4	2	2	1	7	97	4.50
Patrick, S, 4-5	3.0	3	2	2	0	2	40	3.30

Atlanta	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Elder, L, 5-5	6.0	12	8	8	2	6	95	3.71
López	3.0	1	1	0	1	3	58	3.50

T: 2:33. **A:** 39,344 (41,149).

Cardinals 12, Royals 10

St. Louis	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Wetherholt 2b	5	3	3	3	0	0	.268
Herrera dh	5	3	3	3	0	1	.265
Burleson 1b	5	2	3	1	1	0	.287
Walker rf	4	0	0	0	1	2	.291
Nootbaar lf	5	1	2	1	0	0	.280
Winn ss	5	1	2	4	0	0	.245
Crooks c	4	0	1	0	0	2	.175
Jordan 3b	5	0	1	0	0	2	.286
Church cf	4	2	1	0	1	0	.263
Totals	**42**	**12**	**16**	**12**	**3**	**7**	

Kansas City	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Jensen dh	3	3	2	1	2	1	.244
Garcia ss	5	0	0	0	0	1	.261
Caglianone 1b	3	3	2	3	2	1	.275
Perez c	4	1	1	1	0	1	.208
Massey 2b	5	0	3	2	0	0	.266
Thomas rf	5	0	1	1	0	1	.231
Misner cf	4	1	1	0	0	1	.350
Loftin 3b	4	1	1	2	0	1	.239
Rave ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	.429
Collins lf	5	1	1	0	0	1	.226
Totals	**39**	**10**	**12**	**10**	**4**	**9**	

St. Louis	**5**	**4**	**0**	**0**	**3**	**0**	**0**	**—**	**12**	**16**	**1**
Kansas City	**2**	**4**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**—**	**10**	**12**	**0**

E: Winn (7). **LOB:** St. Louis 9, Kansas City 8. **2B:** Nootbaar (3), Church (9). **3B:** Burleson (1). **HR:** Wetherholt 2 (12), off Kolek; Winn (3), off Kolek; Herrera (10), off Cruz; Loftin (2), off May; Caglianone (11), off May; Jensen (10), off Romero; Caglianone (12), off O'Brien. **RBIs:** Wetherholt 3 (34), Nootbaar (7), Winn 4 (31), Burleson (55), Herrera 3 (35), Massey 2 (27), Loftin 2 (22), Caglianone 3 (27), Perez (28), Jensen (39), Thomas (21). **SB:** Massey (2). **S:** Misner. **RISP:** St. Louis 5 for 10; Kansas City 2 for 9. **DP:** Kansas City 1 (Massey, Caglianone).

St. Louis	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
May	2.0	6	6	6	1	2	44	4.30
Rajcic	1.1	1	1	1	1	2	23	5.40
Svanson, H, 2	0.2	1	0	0	1	1	17	6.55
Gracffo, W, 5-1	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	10	2.97
Romero	1.0	1	1	1	0	2	14	4.09
Stanek	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	11	5.04
Soriano	1.0	0	0	0	1	0	14	3.06
O'Brien	1.0	2	2	2	0	1	12	4.18

Kansas City	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Kolek, L, 4-2	1.2	9	9	9	1	0	49	4.15
Seabold	1.1	0	0	0	0	2	29	3.80
Cruz	1.2	4	3	3	1	3	37	6.55
Erceg	1.1	1	0	0	0	1	18	5.34
Strahm	1.0	1	0	0	1	0	16	6.46
Way	2.0	1	0	0	0	1	18	3.86

T: 3:05. **A:** 28,309 (38,427).

Pirates 8, Rockies 6

Pittsburgh	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Horwitz 1b	5	1	2	0	0	1	.283
Lowe 2b	5	1	1	0	0	0	.244
Reynolds dh	5	2	2	3	0	1	.287
O'Hearn rf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.275
Cook cf	1	0	0	0	0	1	.160
Gonzales 3b	4	2	2	2	0	1	.293
Rodríguez c	4	0	1	0	0	0	.250
Callihan lf	4	1	1	1	0	0	.275
Mangum cf-rf	4	1	3	1	0	0	.306
Triolo ss	3	0	1	1	1	0	.235
Totals	**39**	**8**	**13**	**8**	**1**	**6**	

Colorado	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
McCarthy lf	5	1	2	0	0	1	.295
Castro ss	5	1	1	0	0	2	.275
Rumfield 1b	4	1	1	3	0	2	.279
Freeman rf	3	1	1	0	0	0	.268
Carrigg cf	2	0	1	0	2	0	.250
Julien 2b	3	0	1	0	1	0	.222
Thompson dh	2	0	0	1	0	1	.232
Fulford ph-dh	1	1	0	0	1	0	.235
Karros 3b	4	1	1	1	0	3	.245
B.Sullivan c	3	0	0	0	0	0	.212
Goodman ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	.243
Totals	**33**	**6**	**8**	**5**	**4**	**10**	

Pittsburgh	**0**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**1**	**2**	**3**	**0**	**—**	**8**	**13**	**1**
Colorado	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**3**	**2**	**—**	**6**	**8**	**1**

E: Lowe (5), Karros (6). **LOB:** Pittsburgh 5, Colorado 5. **2B:** Reynolds (18), Triolo (6), Mangum (7), Karros (13). **HR:** Gonzales (3), off Lorenzen; Reynolds (11), off Mejia; Rumfield (12), off Santana. **RBIs:** Gonzales 2 (35), Triolo (9), Callihan (7), Mangum (13), Reynolds 3 (51), Thompson (10), Rumfield 3 (42), Karros (21). **RISP:** Pittsburgh 3 for 10; Colorado 2 for 11. **DP:** Pittsburgh 2 (Lowe, Triolo, Horwitz; Triolo, Lowe, Horwitz); Colorado 1 (Julien, Castro, Rumfield).

Pittsburgh	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Jones	3.0	1	1	1	2	3	45	5.75
Ramírez, W, 5-2	2.0	0	0	0	1	3	28	3.92
Sisk	2.0	2	0	0	0	3	35	1.85
Santana	1.0	3	3	3	0	0	18	5.23
Soto	1.0	2	2	1	1	1	19	3.34

Colorado	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Lorenzn, L, 2-9	5.1	7	4	4	1	5	90	7.11
Mejia	1.2	5	4	4	0	0	32	6.95
Brebbia	2.0	1	0	0	0	1	24	0.00

T: 2:48. **A:** 38,912 (50,144).

Twins 4, Diamondbacks 2

Minnesota	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Larnach lf	4	0	2	1	0	0	.281
Buxton dh	5	0	2	0	0	1	.275
Clemens rf-cf	5	0	0	0	0	1	.243
Lewis 1b	3	1	1	0	1	1	.203
Lee 3b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.242
Keaschall 2b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.255
Gray 2b	0	0	0	0	0	0	.241
Kreidler ss	4	1	3	0	0	0	.295
Fedko cf	2	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Bell ph	1	1	1	1	0	0	.250
Martin rf	1	1	0	0	0	0	.235
Jackson c	3	0	2	1	0	0	.317
Totals	**36**	**4**	**11**	**3**	**1**	**5**	

Arizona	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Marte 2b	5	0	2	2	0	0	.259
Perdomo ss	3	0	1	0	1	0	.241
Carroll rf	3	0	1	0	1	1	.281
Moreno c	3	0	1	0	1	0	.276
Tawa pr-cf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.164
Smith dh	4	0	0	0	0	0	.186
Arenado 3b	3	1	1	0	1	1	.239
Vargas 1b	3	1	0	0	1	0	.263
Barrosa cf	2	0	0	0	0	0	.181
Del Castillo c	1	0	0	0	0	0	.188
Troy lf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.239
Totals	**31**	**2**	**6**	**2**	**5**	**4**	

Minnesota	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**3**	**0**	**1**	**—**	**4**	**11**	**1**
Arizona	**0**	**2**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**—**	**2**	**6**	**1**

E: Larnach (1), Carroll (3). **LOB:** Minnesota 8, Arizona 8. **2B:** Larnach 2 (12), Marte (16). **RBIs:** Bell (48), Jackson (3), Larnach (24), Marte 2 (46). **SB:** Lewis (5). **CS:** Kreidler (3), Perdomo (6). **S:** Larnach, Barrosa. **RISP:** Minnesota 4 for 11; Arizona 1 for 8. **DP:** Minnesota 1 (Lewis, Kreidler, Lewis).

Minnesota	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Paredes	5.0	6	2	2	3	1	75	4.05
Laweryson, W, 1-0	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	14	5.06
Morris, H, 10	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	17	4.54
Gómez, H, 6	1.0	0	0	0	1	0	20	3.65
Banda, S, 2-3	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	10	4.22

Arizona	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Cabrera	5.0	3	0	0	0	3	62	0.00
Garcia, H, 7	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	8	2.55
Morillo, L, 2-4, BS, 1-5	1.0	4	3	2	0	1	22	3.00
Ginkel	1.0	1	0	0	1	0	25	3.03
Thompson	1.0	3	1	1	0	0	16	2.39

T: 2:37. **A:** 34,024 (48,359).

Mariners 3, Red Sox 1

Boston	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Seigler 2b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.182
Rafaela cf	4	0	1	0	0	0	.286
Gasper dh	3	0	1	0	1	0	.260
Contreras 1b	4	0	0	0	0	3	.282
Duran lf	4	0	0	0	0	3	.204
Durbin 3b	3	0	2	0	0	1	.215
Mayer ss	2	0	0	0	0	2	.221
Monasterio ph-ss	1	0	0	0	0	1	.233
Wong c	2	0	0	0	0	0	.259
Yoshida ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.247
Narváez c	0	0	0	0	0	0	.197
Eaton rf	2	1	1	1	1	1	.125
Totals	**30**	**1**	**5**	**1**	**2**	**13**	

Seattle	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Crawford ss	3	0	1	0	1	0	.219
Raleigh c	4	0	0	0	0	1	.162
Rodríguez cf	3	1	1	0	1	0	.248
Naylor 1b	3	0	0	0	1	1	.250
Refsnyder dh	3	0	1	0	0	0	.139
Emerson ph-dh	1	0	0	0	0	1	.217
Canzone rf	3	1	1	2	0	0	.281
Raley rf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.240
Robles lf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.241
Wilson 3b	3	1	1	0	0	0	.222
Young 2b	3	0	1	1	0	0	.253
Totals	**29**	**3**	**6**	**3**	**3**	**4**	

Boston	**0**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**—**	**1**	**5**	**0**
Seattle	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**1**	**0**	**x**	**—**	**3**	**6**	**1**

E: Naylor (6). **LOB:** Boston 4, Seattle 5. **2B:** Durbin (15). **HR:** Eaton (1), off Gilbert; Canzone (12), off Tolle. **RBIs:** Eaton (1), Canzone 2 (33), Young (35). **SB:** Rafaela (8), Wilson (3). **Runners left in scoring position:** Boston 3 (Monasterio 2, Contreras); Seattle 2 (Raleigh, Robles). **RISP:** Boston 0 for 4; Seattle 1 for 5. **DP:** Boston 1 (Durbin, Contreras); Seattle 2 (Crawford, Young, Naylor; Canzone, Crawford, Canzone).

Boston	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Tolle, L, 3-5	6.0	6	3	3	2	2	79	3.08
Coulombe	1.0	0	0	0	1	0	18	4.67
Watson	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	12	4.95

Seattle	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Gilbert, W, 6-4	6.1	3	1	1	2	8	94	3.29
Speier, H, 9	0.2	1	0	0	0	2	9	1.93
Bazardo, H, 15	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	11	2.10
Muñoz, S, 13-18	1.0	1	0	0	0	2	15	5.27

T: 2:19. **A:** 45,577 (47,929).

Orioles 12, Dodgers 1

Baltimore	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
T.Ward lf	4	3	2	1	1	2	.255
Siani cf	1	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Henderson ss	5	2	2	0	1	0	.223
Alonso 1b	3	2	2	3	2	0	.249
d-Huff ph-c	1	0	0	0	0	0	.211
Basallo c-1b	4	0	1	1	1	2	.258
Mayo dh	4	0	0	0	1	2	.188
Cowser cf-lf	5	1	3	4	0	0	.238
Taveras rf	5	1	1	0	0	3	.254
Alexander 3b	5	2	3	2	0	0	.312
Jackson 2b	5	1	1	1	0	0	.255
Totals	**42**	**12**	**15**	**12**	**6**	**9**	

Los Angeles	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Ohtani dh	2	1	1	0	1	0	.297
Edman ph-dh-3b	1	0	0	0	0	0	.385
Pages cf	3	0	1	0	1	2	.268
Freeman 1b	3	0	1	0	0	0	.273
Rushing 1b	1	0	0	0	0	0	.254
Betts ss	4	0	1	0	0	1	.218
Muncy 3b	3	0	1	1	0	0	.265
Rojas ph-p	1	0	0	0	0	0	.259
Tucker rf	4	0	0	0	0	0	.234
R.Ward lf	2	0	0	0	0	1	.229
Call ph-lf	2	0	0	0	0	0	.247
Freeland 2b	3	0	0	0	1	1	.229
Robinson c	3	0	0	0	0	1	.000
Totals	**32**	**1**	**5**	**1**	**3**	**6**	

Baltimore	**2**	**1**	**1**	**2**	**0**	**0**	**4**	**2**	**0**	**0**
Los Angeles	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**5**	**0**

LOB: Baltimore 9, Los Angeles 7. **2B:** Henderson (14), Alexander (12), Jackson (8), Pages (18). **3B:** Taveras (5). **HR:** T.Ward (4), off Sheehan; Cowser (8), off Sheehan; Alonso (18), off Hernández; Alexander (3), off McDermott. **RBIs:** Basallo (31), Cowser 4 (27), T.Ward (21), Jackson (32), Alonso 3 (52), Alexander 2 (23), Muncy (31). **RISP:** Baltimore 6 for 14; Los Angeles 1 for 6. **Runners moved up:** Freeman.

Baltimore	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Young, W, 6-2	5.0	5	1	1	2	5	95	3.07
Wolfram	2.0	0	0	0	0	0	14	3.74
Akin	2.0	0	0	0	1	1	37	6.35

Los Angeles	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Sheehan, L, 3-5	3.1	8	6	6	3	4	82	5.32
Dreyer	0.2	1	0	0	1	2	23	3.82
Henriquez	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	11	3.03
Hernández	1.2	4	4	4	2	2	37	6.46
McDermott	1.1	2	2	2	0	0	23	7.71
Rojas	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0.00

T: 2:52. **A:** 50,215 (56,000).

Angels 9, Athletics 7

Los Angeles	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Neto ss	5	1	1	2	0	2	.225
Meckler lf	2	0	0	0	1	2	.280
Grissom ph-2b	1	1	0	0	0	1	.231
Adell rf	5	0	0	0	0	3	.248
Schanuel 1b	3	2	2	0	1	0	.258
Guzman 3b	3	2	2	3	1	0	.271
Moore 2b-lf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.167
Walton dh	3	1	1	3	0	0	.343
Peraza ph-dh	1	0	0	0	0	1	.266
O'Hoppe c	4	0	1	0	0	1	.244
Siri cf	4	2	2	0	0	1	.297
Totals	**35**	**9**	**10**	**8**	**3**	**12**	

Athletics	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Gelof 2b-3b	5	3	2	0	0	0	.284
Kurtz 1b	4	2	2	3	1	1	.290
Wilson ss	4	1	0	0	1	0	.281
Soderstrom lf	3	1	1	1	1	0	.242
Heim c	2	0	0	1	1	0	.245
Meneses dh	3	0	1	1	0	0	.333
Cortes ph-dh	1	0	0	0	0	0	.276
Thomas rf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.215
Butler ph-rf	1	0	0	0	0	1	.195
Bolte cf	3	0	1	1	1	1	.315
Muncy 3b	3	0	0	0	0	1	.223
McNeil ph-2b	1	0	0	0	0	1	.234
Totals	**33**	**7**	**7**	**7**	**5**	**6**	

Los Angeles	**0**	**3**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**3**	**2**	**—**	**9**	**10**	**2**
Athletics	**4**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**2**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**—**	**7**	**7**	**0**

E: Adell (5), Guzman (1). **LOB:** Los Angeles 3, Athletics 5. **2B:** Gelof (10). **HR:** Walton (3), off Perkins; Guzman (3), off Harris; Neto (17), off Alvarado; Kurtz (19), off Suter. **RBIs:** Walton 3 (11), Guzman 3 (11), Neto 2 (39), Soderstrom (41), Heim (17), Meneses (1), Bolte (10), Kurtz 3 (61). **SB:** Siri (1), Bolte (8). **CS:** Guzman (1), Moore (1). **SF:** Heim. **RISP:** Los Angeles 2 for 4; Athletics 3 for 9. **DP:** Los Angeles 1 (Neto, Moore, Schanuel).

Los Angeles	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Detmers	6.0	6	5	5	4	4	90	3.93
Suter	1.0	1	2	1	0	0	20	4.12
Silseth, W, 2-1	1.0	0	0	0	1	2	24	2.22
Bachman, S, 1-3	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	11	3.63

Athletics	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Perkins	5.0	4	4	4	2	8	78	6.26
Krook, H, 1	1.0	0	0	0	1	0	18	0.00
Medina, H, 4	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	15	4.41
Harris, BS, 6-10	0.1	3	3	3	0	0	18	3.75
Alvarado, L, 3-2	1.2	2	2	2	0	3	21	5.49

T: 2:43. **A:** 12,377 (14,014).

FIFA World Cup

GROUP A

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
x-Mexico	2	2	0	0	3	0	6
South Korea	2	1	0	1	2	2	3
Czechia	2	0	1	1	2	3	1
South Africa	2	0	1	1	1	3	1

GROUP A
Thursday, June 11
Mexico 2, South Africa 0
South Korea 2, Czechia 1
Thursday, June 18
Czechia 1, South Africa 1
Mexico 1, South Korea 0
Wednesday, June 24
Czechia vs. Mexico, 9pm
South Africa vs. South Korea,

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FIFA World Cup

Monday

Favorite	Money Line	Underdog
*Argentina	$200-600	Austria
**France	$1400-3000	Iraq
***Norway	$125-220	Senegal
****Algeria	$180-500	Jordan

*Dallas, **Philadelphia, ***MetLife Stadium, ****Santa Clara, Calif.

WNBA

Monday

Favorite	PTS (O/U)	Underdog
Sky	3.5 (167.5)	SUN
DREAM	13.5 (177.5)	Tempo
FEVER	5.5 (176.5)	Mercury
Wings	8.5 (165.5)	STORM
Tuesday, Jun. 30		
LIBERTY	2.5 (171.5)	Aces

MLB

Monday

American League

Favorite	Money Line	Underdog
Yankees	$109-131	TIGERS
RAYS	$144-175	Royals
BLUE JAYS	$109-131	Astros
Guardians	-105-115	WHITE SOX
Orioles	$135-163	ANGELS

National League

Favorite	Money Line	Underdog
NATIONALS	OFF	Phillies
Cubs	-108-112	METS
Brewers	$141-171	REDS
CARDINALS	$119-144	D'backs
PADRES	OFF	Braves

Interleague

Favorite	Money Line	Underdog
MARLINS	$105-126	Rangers
Dodgers	$130-157	TWINS
Red Sox	$104-126	ROCKIES

Home team in CAPS

SPORTS SHORTS

MLB: Alvarez's 25th lifts Astros

Yordan Alvarez hit his league-leading 25th home run, **Kai-Wei Teng** threw six solid innings and the Astros beat the Guardians 2-1 in Houston.

● **JJ Wetherholt** hit two home runs and had three RBIs as the Cardinals avoided a series sweep with a 12-10 win over the Royals in Kansas City.

● **Colton Cowser** tied his career high with four RBIs and Baltimore beat the Dodgers 12-1 in Los Angeles.

● In West Sacramento, Calif., **Zach Neto** hit a two-run shot in the ninth inning and the Angels beat the Athletics 9-7.

● **Kyle Stowers** homered and scored on **Otto Lopez's** go-ahead double to lead Miami to a 2-1 win against the Giants.

● In Arlington, Texas, **Wyatt Langford** hit a three-run homer, Josh Jung had a go-ahead RBI single and the Rangers ended a six-series losing streak against the Padres.

● **William Contreras** had four hits, including a three-run homer, and the Brewers beat the Braves 9-4 in Atlanta.

● **Dillon Dingler** homered and drove in the tying run in the ninth before **Matt Vierling's** bloop single finished off Detroit's comeback in the 10th as the Tigers beat the White Sox 5-4 at home.

● In Phoenix, **Alex Jackson's** single tied the game in the seventh and the go-ahead run scored on an error, leading the Twins over the Diamondbacks.

● **Logan Gilbert** allowed one run on three hits in 6 1/3 innings and the Mariners beat the Red Sox 3-1 in Seattle.

● **Jonny DeLuca** hit a two-run home run in the seventh to lift Tampa to a comeback 4-3 win at home against the Nats.

● In Denver, **Nick Gonzales** and **Bryan Reynolds** homered to help the Pirates beat the Rockies 8-6.

NHL: Florida deals to unite Tkachuks

Brady Tkachuk is heading to Florida, where he will join his brother **Matthew** with the Panthers as the Senators are trading their captain for a package of draft picks, the teams announced Sunday.

Ottawa will receive Florida's two first-round picks in this year's draft — No. 9 and No. 25 overall — along with a first-round pick in 2029 that is top-10 protected and a second-round pick in 2027.

Florida had acquired the 25th pick earlier Sunday in a trade sending forward **Mackie Samoskevich** to the Kraken.

CWS: Tar Heels force Game 3

In Omaha, Neb., **Ryan Lynch** and **Caden Glauber** cooled off Oklahoma's bats, **Owen Hull** and **Cooper Nicholson** homered, and North Carolina beat Oklahoma 6-2 in Game 2 of the College World Series finals.

The Tar Heels (54-13-1) bounced back from a 9-3 loss in Game 1 to force a winner-take-all game Monday night.

ETC.: Heim is NASCAR winner

Corey Heim, a part-time driver making only his 13th start in the Cup Series, outdueled teammate **Tyler Reddick** to win the inaugural NASCAR race at Naval Base Coronado near San Diego, Calif.

● **Miyu Yamashita** sank a 3-foot putt on the first playoff hole against **Lottie Woad** to win the Meijer LPGA Classic in Belmont, Mich.

● In Las Vegas, **A'ja Wilson** scored 19 points and had nine rebounds to help the Aces to a 92-73 win over Golden State.

● The Thunder are on the verge of trading guard **Aaron Wiggins** to the Hawks in exchange for a pair of future second-round picks, ESPN reported, in a move that reduces Oklahoma City's projected tax penalty.

TOP PLAY

Lower fan power for Cole

By SEAN TREPPEDI

Gerrit Cole's return from Tommy John surgery has gone about as well as the Yankees could have hoped.

After 28 innings over five starts, the 35-year-old former American League Cy Young Award winner is 2-1 with a 2.57 ERA.

The Yankees, who are +500 to win the World Series at DraftKings, have their sights set on the postseason as they carry a three-game lead in the AL East as of this writing. Their ace's health is critical to that venture and workload management has become a priority.

Cole was slated to start in Sunday's series finale against the Reds but was moved to Monday in Detroit, with rookie Elmer Rodríguez taking his place to give him an extra day of rest.

In his last outing against the White Sox, Cole worked up to a season high of 90 pitches in a 12-2 shellacking. The Bombers' early scoring surge put Cole in a comfortable spot as he settled in to retire 13 straight batters and struck out six. That was only the second start he reached that number.

Even though his fastball velocity is up at 96.6 mph, Cole's command isn't there yet.

Cole's results may be positive, but both he and manager Aaron Boone have made it clear he still is working his way back toward his pitching peak.

His 7.71 K/9 rate is the lowest it's been in his Yankees career beginning in 2020. In fact, Cole is hardly fooling bats at all with a whiff rate that is in the bottom three percentile.

According to Statcast, the Tigers swing and miss at the eighth-lowest clip and have struck out the 11th fewest times overall.

Even with the extra day of rest, Cole's plight is a marathon, not a sprint, so it's safer to wager on the Yankees' caution.

THE PLAY: Geritt Cole Under 5.5 Strikeouts

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Pitching Form

		(Game time)	2026 W-L	2026 ERA	*REC	'26 vs OPP W-L	'26 vs OPP ERA	CAREER vs OPP	LAST 3 STARTS W-L	LAST 3 STARTS IP	LAST 3 STARTS ERA
Yankees	Cole (R)	–	2-1	2.57	3-2	0-0	0.00	10-1	1-1	15.1	4.70
Tigers	Valdez (L)	(6:10pm)	3-5	4.09	6-9	0-0	0.00	0-2	1-1	16.0	2.81
Cubs	Imanaga (L)	–	4-6	4.26	6-9	0-0	0.00	1-2	0-0	16.2	3.78
Mets	Senga (R)	(7:10pm)	0-5	9.00	1-5	0-1	17.41	1-2	0-3	10.0	11.70
Rangers	Rocker (R)	–	2-6	4.17	5-8	0-0	0.00	0-0	0-1	13.0	6.92
Marlins	Phillips (R)	(6:40pm)	1-2	3.10	2-2	0-0	0.00	0-0	1-2	14.0	7.07
Dodgers	Lauer (L)	–	2-5	5.37	6-4	0-1	12.35	1-3	0-0	16.1	3.86
Twins	Matthews (R)	(7:40pm)	3-4	4.78	3-4	0-0	0.00	0-0	2-1	20.0	4.95
Red Sox	Bennett (L)	–	1-3	4.79	1-3	0-0	0.00	0-0	0-3	15.2	5.74
Rockies	Feltner (R)	(8:40pm)	2-2	5.05	4-5	0-0	0.00	0-0	0-1	15.0	5.40
Royals	Wacha (R)	–	4-5	3.64	4-11	0-1	4.50	3-5	0-2	18.2	5.30
Rays	Rasmussen (R)	(6:40pm)	6-3	2.59	8-6	1-1	2.70	4-1	2-1	21.0	0.43
Astros	Brown (R)	–	1-0	1.10	2-1	1-0	0.00	2-1	1-0	16.1	1.10
Blue Jays	TBD	(7:07pm)	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Indians	Williams (R)	–	9-4	3.83	10-5	1-0	3.60	1-1	1-1	15.1	7.63
White Sox	Kay (L)	(7:40pm)	6-2	4.61	8-5	0-0	0.00	0-0	1-1	13.0	8.31
Orioles	Bradish (R)	–	4-7	4.00	7-8	0-0	0.00	1-0	1-1	15.2	6.32
Angels	Aldegheri (L)	(9:38pm)	2-2	4.50	2-1	0-0	0.00	0-0	1-1	12.0	6.75
Phillies	TBD	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Nationals	Griffin (L)	(6:45pm)	7-2	3.32	11-4	1-0	3.60	1-0	1-0	17.0	1.59
Brewers	Woodruff (R)	–	2-1	3.60	4-2	0-0	0.00	7-4	1-1	13.1	2.70
Reds	Singer (R)	(7:10pm)	3-6	5.32	6-8	1-2	6.08	2-2	1-1	15.0	2.40
D'backs	Kelly (R)	–	5-6	5.81	5-7	1-0	4.50	4-1	0-3	16.1	8.27
Cardinals	Pallante (R)	(7:45pm)	8-4	3.76	9-5	0-1	9.64	1-1	3-0	18.2	2.41
Braves	Holmes (R)	–	4-3	4.32	9-5	1-0	1.12	1-0	1-1	11.2	6.17
Padres	King (R)	(10:10pm)	4-6	3.60	6-9	0-0	10.12	0-0	0-2	17.0	5.29

* **REC:** Won-lost record of pitcher's team in games he has started.

STITCHES

Tigers roll past Gerrit, Yanks

How many of you lucky Knicks fans got an orange necktie for Father's Day?

Did Angel Reese become the fastest woman to reach 1,000 career rebounds? Not even close. Jennifer "Rebound Queen" Aniston was twice as fast.

Speaking of rebounding: The Yankees' Gerrit Cole is quickly rounding into form, allowing eight runs on 20 hits over those 28 innings. The Yanks are at Detroit. The Tigers' Framber Valdez blanked his former team, the Astros, for six innings. Apparently, Valdez saves his worst performances for us. That said, we will play $50 on Valdez and the Tigers.

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Happy Father's Day! Logan Gilbert struck out eight and allowed one run over 6 1/3 innings. Dominic Canzone hit his 12th calzone of the season, and the Mariners beat the Dead Sox 3-1. Winner! Up +64 wyndhamclarks. Just enough to buy Mrs. Stitches some flowers. Happy anniversary!

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Home Team Lineups

HOME | AWAY

	TODAY June 22	TUE June 23	WED June 24	THU June 25	FRI June 26
Yankees	Detroit 6:10 YES 660 AM 101.9 FM	Detroit 6:40 YES 660 AM 101.9 FM	Detroit 6:40 Prime Video 660 AM 101.9 FM	Boston 7:10 YES 660 AM 101.9 FM	Boston 7:10 YES 660 AM 101.9 FM
Mets	Cubs 7:10 SNY 880 AM	Cubs 7:10 SNY 880 AM	Cubs 7:10 PIX11 880 AM	Cubs 7:10 SNY 880 AM	Philadelphia 7:10 PIX11 880 AM
NJ	NO GAME	Las Vegas 10:00 My9 USA	NO GAME	Seattle 10:00 My9	NO GAME

Wednesday, July 22		Wednesday, July 22		Friday	
Red Bulls	FIFA World Cup Break until July 22	NYCFC	FIFA World Cup Break until July 22	NJ	KC Current 8:00 Prime Video

Today's Sports on the Air

MLB BASEBALL		
6:10 p.m.	Yankees at Tigers	YES, 660 AM, 101.9 FM
6:30 p.m.	Royals at Rays	MLBN
7:10 p.m.	Cubs at Mets	SNY, 880 AM
10 p.m.	Braves at Padres	ESPN
MEN'S SOCCER: FIFA WORLD CUP		
1 p.m.	Group Stage: Argentina vs. Austria	Fox, Telemundo
5 p.m.	Group Stage: France vs. Iraq	Fox, Telemundo
8 p.m.	Group Stage: Norway vs. Senegal	Fox, Telemundo
11 p.m.	Group Stage: Jordan vs. Algeria	FS1, Telemundo
WNBA BASKETBALL		
8 p.m.	Mercury at Fever	USA
COLLEGE BASEBALL WORLD SERIES		
7 p.m.	Finals: Oklahoma vs. North Carolina, Game 3	ESPN
SOFTBALL		
8 p.m.	Athletes Unlimited: Spark at Talons	ESPN2
TENNIS		
6 a.m.	ATP/WTA Eastbourne, Early Rounds	Tennis
6 a.m.	WTA Bad Homburg, Early Rounds	Tennis
6 a.m.	ATP Mallorca, Early Rounds	Tennis
5 a.m. (Tue.)	ATP/WTA Eastbourne, Early Rounds	Tennis
5 a.m. (Tue.)	WTA Bad Homburg, Early Rounds	Tennis
5 a.m. (Tue.)	ATP Mallorca, Early Rounds	Tennis

WORLD CUP

Tournament winner

TEAM	ODDS	TEAM	ODDS	TEAM	ODDS
France	+370	Japan	45/1	Egypt	300/1
Spain	+500	Colombia	45/1	South Korea	350/1
England	+600	Mexico	50/1	Ghana	400/1
Argentina	+800	Switzerland	75/1	Scotland	400/1
Portugal	10/1	Uruguay	80/1	Algeria	400/1
Brazil	12/1	Croatia	80/1	Paraguay	400/1
Germany	12/1	Austria	100/1	Ecuador	400/1
Netherlands	16/1	Senegal	125/1	Iran	750/1
Norway	30/1	Sweden	150/1	Bosnia-Herz.	750/1
United States	33/1	Australia	150/1	Congo	1500/1
Morocco	33/1	Ivory Coast	175/1	Czechia	2500/1
Belgium	35/1	Canada	200/1	Cape Verde	2500/1

Golden Boot winner

NAME (TEAM)	ODDS	NAME (TEAM)	ODDS
Lionel Messi (Argentina)	+300	Vinícius Júnior (Brazil)	30/1
Kylian Mbappé (France)	+300	J. Manzambi (Switzerland)	30/1
Harry Kane (England)	+350	Folarin Balogun (USA)	35/1
Mikel Oyarzabal (Spain)	11/1	Ayase Ueda (Japan)	35/1
Erling Haaland (Norway)	12/1	Cody Gakpo (Netherlands)	35/1
Kai Havertz (Germany)	16/1	Brian Brobbey (Netherlands)	35/1
Deniz Undav (Germany)	18/1	Luis Díaz (Colombia)	45/1
Jonathan David (Canada)	20/1	Jude Bellingham (England)	45/1
Lamine Yamal (Spain)	22/1	Cristiano Ronaldo (Portugal)	45/1
Matheus Cunha (Brazil)	30/1	Ismael Saibari (Morocco)	55/1

ODDS & ENDS

WORLD CUP

Monday

Argentina vs. Austria

3-WAY BETTING	ODDS
Argentina	-195
Draw	+320
Austria	+550
TOTAL GOALS	**ODDS**
Over 2.5	-110
Under 2.5	-110
ANYTIME GOAL SCORER	**ODDS**
Lionel Messi (ARG)	+100
Lautaro Martínez (ARG)	+130
Julián Alvarez (ARG)	+135
Nico Paz (ARG)	+195
Thiago Almada (ARG)	+260
Nico González (ARG)	+310
Marko Arnautovic (AUT)	+380

France vs. Iraq

3-WAY BETTING	ODDS
France	-1100
Draw	10/1
Iraq	27/1
TOTAL GOALS	**ODDS**
Over 3.5	-106
Under 3.5	-114
ANYTIME GOAL SCORER	**ODDS**
Kylian Mbappé (FRA)	-210
Marcus Thuram (FRA)	-130
Ousmane Dembélé (FRA)	+100
Désiré Doué (FRA)	+105
Michael Olise (FRA)	+125
Bradley Barcola (FRA)	+130
Rayan Cherki (FRA)	+145

Norway vs. Senegal

3-WAY BETTING	ODDS
Norway	+130
Draw	+240
Senegal	+210
TOTAL GOALS	**ODDS**
Over 2.5	-115
Under 2.5	-105
ANYTIME GOAL SCORER	**ODDS**
Erling Haaland (NOR)	-110
J. Strand Larsen (NOR)	+175
Alexander Sørloth (NOR)	+220
Nicolas Jackson (SEN)	+240
Sadio Mané (SEN)	+250
Ismaïla Sarr (SEN)	+290
Antonio Nusa (NOR)	+320

Jordan vs. Algeria

3-WAY BETTING	ODDS
Jordan	+500
Draw	+320
Algeria	-185
TOTAL GOALS	**ODDS**
Over 2.5	-105
Under 2.5	-115
ANYTIME GOAL SCORER	**ODDS**
Amine Gouiri (ALG)	+150
Riyad Mahrez (ALG)	+155
Farès Chaïbi (ALG)	+300
Ali Olwan (JOR)	+380
Mousa Al-Tamari (JOR)	+470
Hicham Boudaoui (ALG)	+550
Nabil Bentaleb (ALG)	+550

BET SMART

Vikings cannot sleep on Senegal

THERE'S A 'WAY: Sadio Mané and Senegal performed better than the stats would indicate against France in their first World Cup match. The Lions of Teranga are +210 to defeat Norway on Monday, which The Post's Michael Leboff sees as possible.

By MICHAEL LEBOFF

Erling Haaland made quite a splash in his World Cup debut.

The best striker on the planet scored twice, leading Norway to a fuss-free win over Iraq.

The 25-year-old now sets his sights on Senegal, which had a lot to regret after its 3-1 loss to France in their first match.

Norway is a +130 favorite on the three-way moneyline for this tilt at MetLife Stadium, while Senegal is +210. The draw, which would not be the worst result for either side, is +240.

It had been 28 years since Norway was in a World Cup, and it couldn't have had a better red-carpet welcome back. With all due respect to Iraq, you'd be hard-pressed to find a better opponent for the Vikings to face in a high-pressure situation.

It took a little while for Norway to unlock the Iraqi defense, but once it did, it was open season. Haaland was dominant, and the Vikings created more than 2.5 expected goals against an overwhelmed defense.

Senegal's defense should provide plenty more resistance Monday evening.

The cold reality of soccer, and any sport, is that boxscores often are misleading. On paper, Senegal's 3-1 loss to France looks disappointing. The Lions of Teranga came undone in the second half against Les Bleus, but they were incredibly unfortunate not to be at least one goal ahead at halftime.

Senegal hit a post and wasted several other terrific opportunities in the first 45 minutes, and a team like France will make you pay if you don't punish it when you have the chance.

That's exactly what happened as Kylian Mbappé took over the second half, and Senegal just ran out of steam.

The Lions of Teranga also will be kicking themselves for allowing a late goal to Mbappé that put their goal difference at minus-2 heading into this tricky tilt with Norway.

Most models project that you'll need three points and a minus-1 goal difference to get through to the round of 32 as one of the eight best third-place teams, so Senegal has some ground to make up if it wants to keep its World Cup hopes alive. At the very worst, they can't afford to lose this match by more than one goal or else they'll need to make serious hay against Iraq in their final match.

On paper, Senegal should be well-suited to keep Haaland and this dynamic Norwegian attack in check. They've got a strong center-back partnership with Kalidou Koulibaly and Moussa Niakhate, and Idrissa Gana Gueye is elite at disrupting things in the midfield. That was all on display in the first half against France, but they became unglued thanks to the magic of Mbappé in the second.

And it's not just the defense that makes Senegal a real threat to pull the upset Monday. Pape Thiaw has an abundance of attacking options that should put Norway's defense, considered its Achilles' heel, under real threat. Sadio Mané, Iliman Ndiaye, Pape Sarr and Nicolas Jackson are miles better than anything Iraq threw at the Vikings, who at times looked a little wobbly against the Lions of Mesopotamia.

Haaland and Norway earned plenty of headlines with their win against Iraq, but this is a terrific buy-low, sell-high spot. Senegal is a live underdog to derail the Norway hype train Monday.

Tennis

WTA Bett1Open

At Am Rothenbaum Rot-Weiss Tennis Club; Berlin; Purse: Euro1,049,083; Surface: Grass; Sunday (seedings in parentheses):
Women's Singles - Championship
Linda Noskova (8), Czechia, def. Jessica Pegula (3), United States, 6-4, 4-6, 6-3.

ATP World Tour Cinch Championships

At The Queen's Club; London; Purse: Euro2,583,330; Surface: Grass; Sunday (seedings in parentheses):
Men's Singles - Championship
Francisco Cerundolo (7), Argentina, def. Tommy Paul (8), United States, 6-7 (4), 6-4, 6-3.

ATP World Tour Terra Wortmann Open

At Gerry Weber Stadium; Halle, Germany; Purse: Euro2,583,330; Surface: Grass; HALLE, GERMANY (AP) _ Sunday from Terra Wortmann Open at Gerry Weber Stadium (seedings in parentheses):
Men's Singles - Championship
Frances Tiafoe, United States, def. Taylor Fritz (5), United States, 6-4, 6-4.

WTA Bad Homburg Open

At Bad Homburg Tennis Club; Hamburg, Germany; Purse: Euro1,049,083; Surface: Grass; Sunday (seedings in parentheses):
Women's Singles - Qualification
Irina-Camelia Begu, Romania, def. Diane Parry (2), France, 6-4, 7-6 (5).
Solana Sierra (1), Argentina, def. Anna Blinkova, Russia, 3-6, 7-5, 6-4.
Sinja Kraus (8), Austria, def. Renata Zarazua (4), Mexico, 6-2, 7-5.
Elena-Gabriela Ruse, Romania, def. Taylor Townsend (6), United States, 3-6, 6-1, 6-4.
Women's Singles - Round of 32
Liudmila Samsonova, Russia, def. Katerina Siniakova, Czechia, 6-3, 7-5.
Leylah Fernandez, Canada, def. Katie Boulter, Britain, 6-7 (5), 6-3, 6-3.

Golf

U.S. Open
At Shinnecock Hills Golf Club; Southampton, N.Y.; Purse: $22.5 million; Yardage: 7,440; Par: 70
Final Round

Wyndham Clark, $4,500,000	64-69-70-73	276	-4
Sam Burns, $2,430,000	71-68-71-67	277	-3
Tom Kim, $1,532,530	70-67-72-70	279	-1
Keith Mitchell, $920,882	70-70-70-70	280	E
J.T. Poston, $920,882	71-71-71-67	280	E
Scottie Scheffler, $920,882	72-68-69-71	280	E
Sam Stevens, $617,090	68-69-72-72	281	+1
Gary Woodland, $617,090	67-73-73-68	281	+1
Tyrrell Hatton, $617,090	74-68-72-67	281	+1
Joaquin Niemann, $617,090	78-65-72-66	281	+1
Tommy Fleetwood, $405,862	70-71-70-71	282	+2
John Parry, $405,862	71-71-71-69	282	+2
Aaron Rai, $405,862	74-67-72-69	282	+2
Justin Rose, $405,862	71-70-73-68	282	+2
Xander Schauffele, $405,862	71-66-73-72	282	+2
Sahith Theegala, $405,862	72-67-70-73	282	+2
Ludvig Aberg, $280,966	69-72-76-66	283	+3
Akshay Bhatia, $280,966	70-70-73-70	283	+3
Ben Griffin, $280,966	72-70-72-69	283	+3
Collin Morikawa, $280,966	73-65-73-72	283	+3
Justin Thomas, $280,966	71-68-75-69	283	+3
Matt Fitzpatrick, $230,220	67-70-74-73	284	+4
Corey Conners, $181,101	69-72-71-73	285	+5
Pierceson Coody, $181,101	72-71-71-71	285	+5
Alex Fitzpatrick, $181,101	71-69-72-73	285	+5
Ryan Fox, $181,101	70-73-74-68	285	+5
Emiliano Grillo, $181,101	73-70-67-75	285	+5
Benjamin James, $181,101	69-72-77-67	285	+5
Ben Kohles, $181,101	70-71-74-70	285	+5
Ryder Cowan, (0), $0	68-72-72-73	285	+5
Jackson Koivun, (0), $0	72-71-74-68	285	+5
Zac Blair, $128,756	71-70-72-73	286	+6
Keegan Bradley, $128,756	70-71-71-74	286	+6
Brian Harman, $128,756	69-71-73-73	286	+6
Max McGreevy, $128,756	68-73-73-72	286	+6
Rory McIlroy, $128,756	69-71-73-73	286	+6
Maverick McNealy, $128,756	72-68-73-73	286	+6
Dustin Johnson, $128,756	66-77-71-72	286	+6
Jacob Bridgeman, $101,859	73-71-74-69	287	+7
John Keefer, $101,859	71-70-76-70	287	+7
Robert MacIntyre, $101,859	70-74-73-70	287	+7
Miles Russell, (0), $0	72-71-74-70	287	+7
Michael Brennan, $72,592	72-71-73-72	288	+8
Chris Gotterup, $72,592	75-69-73-71	288	+8
Max Greyserman, $72,592	69-73-76-70	288	+8
Harry Higgs, $72,592	71-68-77-72	288	+8
Ryo Hisatsune, $72,592	71-69-73-75	288	+8
Sungjae Im, $72,592	74-68-71-75	288	+8
Michael Kim, $72,592	71-72-70-75	288	+8
Cameron Young, $72,592	72-70-73-73	288	+8
Laurie Canter, $72,592	72-72-71-73	288	+8
Niklas Norgaard Moller, $72,592	71-70-73-74	288	+8
Adrien Dumont De Chassart, $51,467	71-71-77-70	289	+9
Kurt Kitayama, $51,467	74-68-76-71	289	+9
Angel Hidalgo, $51,467	69-74-74-72	289	+9
Bud Cauley, $48,625	72-72-72-74	290	+10
Nicolas Echavarria, $48,625	71-73-75-71	290	+10
Jordan Spieth, $48,625	73-70-73-74	290	+10
Marek Fleming, (0), $0	72-72-74-72	290	+10
Peter Uihlein, $48,625	74-70-80-66	290	+10
Spencer Tibbits, $47,242	68-74-76-73	291	+11
Jackson Van Paris, $47,242	70-72-76-73	291	+11
Eric Lee, (0), $0	74-70-78-71	293	+13
Caleb Surratt, $46,551	75-69-75-74	293	+13
Russell Henley, $44,938	70-73-80-71	294	+14
Hideki Matsuyama, $44,938	71-73-77-73	294	+14
William Mouw, $44,938	70-70-74-80	294	+14
Andrew Putnam, $44,938	74-68-74-78	294	+14
Neal Shipley, $44,938	71-73-77-73	294	+14
James Nicholas, $44,938	71-72-82-69	294	+14
Patrick Rodgers, $43,324	72-71-80-74	297	+17
Dylan Wu, $42,858	73-71-82-72	298	+18

LPGA Tour - Meijer LPGA Classic for Simply Give
At Blythefield Country Club; Belmont, Mich.; Purse: $3.3 million; Yardage: 6,611; Par: 72; x-won on first playoff hole
Final Round

x-Miyu Yamashita, $487,500	72-68-67-64	271	-17
Lottie Woad, $305,678	69-66-68-68	271	-17
Wei-Ling Hsu, $196,644	69-69-68-67	273	-15
Yan Liu, $196,644	66-70-70-67	273	-15
MinJi Kang, $125,518	68-68-72-66	274	-14
Cassie Porter, $125,518	67-68-69-70	274	-14
Minami Katsu, $83,958	69-69-70-67	275	-13
Grace Kim, $83,958	73-67-69-66	275	-13
Jing Yan, $83,958	68-66-68-73	275	-13
Somi Lee, $65,269	72-67-71-67	277	-11
Rio Takeda, $65,269	71-66-71-69	277	-11
Ana Belac, $50,485	70-67-77-64	278	-10
In Gee Chun, $50,485	69-72-65-72	278	-10
Karis Davidson, $50,485	71-70-67-70	278	-10
Jin Hee Im, $50,485	74-67-66-71	278	-10
Chizzy Iwai, $50,485	70-70-71-67	278	-10
Riley Smyth, $50,485	70-70-67-71	278	-10
Nataliya Guseva, $37,879	74-68-67-70	279	-9
Nanna Koerstz Madsen, $37,879	70-72-68-69	279	-9
Jennifer Kupcho, $37,879	68-70-74-67	279	-9
Mary Liu, $37,879	70-67-74-68	279	-9
Yu Liu, $37,879	71-70-67-71	279	-9
Nastasia Nadaud, $37,879	68-73-71-67	279	-9
Aditi Ashok, $31,966	69-69-71-71	280	-8
Jenny Bae, $31,966	70-67-71-72	280	-8
Alexa Pano, $31,966	72-69-71-68	280	-8

Yonkers Entries — Post Time: 6:45 p.m.

FIRST: 1 Mile $15,000 15000CLM; PACE

1	Full Support	(BHolland)	5-2-7	5-2
2	Original Music	(MKakaley)	4-1-5	7-2
3	Ozone Blue Chip	(JMarohn)	8-7-3	20-1
4	I'mSomeGraduate	(JStratton)	2-3-7	3-1
5	Two Faced	(CKelly)	4-4-8	5-1
6	Rose Run Astro	(JBongiorno)	6-1-7	8-1
7	It's MahomesA	(ASiegelman)	7-6-8	20-1
8	Letsmakelotsamoney	(TButer)	3-5-2	8-1

SECOND: 1 Mile $20,000 3-6YO30CLM; PACE

1	Thong Control	(TButer)	6-3-4	4-1
2	Vici	(JBongiorno)	6-6-6	6-1
3	TopvilleSomebeach	(BHllnd)	2-1-4	9-5
4	Parousia	(ASiegelman)	7-6-2	20-1
5	Rayray	(JMarohn)	5-5-3	20-1
6	All Alone	(MKakaley)	5-3-7	6-1
7	Lyons Benjamin	(CKelly)	1-2-2	9-2
8	Wavemaker	(JStratton)	4-7-1	10-1

THIRD: 1 Mile $43,000 INVITATION; PACE

1	Dandy Ideal	(TButer)	2-1-1	5-2
2	Sweet Beach Life	(MKakaley)	1-1-2	2-1
3	Young Bluey A	(JStratton)	2-6-1	6-1
4	CaptinhammerheadA	(BHllnd)	3-1-1	9-2
5	Mossdale Ben N	(JMarohn)	1-2-4	5-2

FOURTH: 1 Mile $33,000 NW30000L5; PACE

1	Sterling Choice	(CKelly)	7-2-2	7-2
2	SohoDowJonesA	(JBongiorno)	1-4-3	4-1
3	Boston Bound	(BHolland)	6-6-2	6-1
4	Downbythewater	(JStratton)	4-3-2	5-2
5	Better B Bold	(MKakaley)	1-4-7	8-1
6	Captain Moore A	(TButer)	3-1-5	3-1

FIFTH: 1 Mile $22,000 40000CLM; PACE

1	Manferno	(JStratton)	6-2-1	3-1
2	Bettor By Seaside	(TButer)	1-7-4	4-1
3	Alta Classic A	(BHolland)	1-5-3	9-2
4	Lyrical Genius A	(MKakaley)	3-5-3	5-2
5	Yorokobi N	(JMarohn)	4-6-1	15-1
6	Overthinking	(CKelly)	5-1-2	8-1
7	ItsElectrifyingN	(ASiegelman)	8-3-1	20-1
8	Himself N	(JBongiorno)	4-7-8	12-1

SIXTH: 1 Mile $23,000 NW15000L5; PACE

1	Printville	(JStratton)	2-3-2	5-1
2	BondiLockdwnA	(ASegelmn)	5-4-2	8-1
3	AmericanDealerN	(JBongirn)	5-8-1	4-1
4	CoalfordTopguyGb	(MKkley)	2-3-4	9-2
5	Escape To America	(CKelly)	1-1-5	5-2
6	Jabbar	(BHolland)	3-4-3	9-2
7	Dele Row A	(TButer)	7-7-6	20-1
8	KeayangKamikazeA	(JMarhn)	4-4-2	20-1

SEVENTH: 1 Mile $20,000 30000CLM; PACE

1	HeavenOnHighN	(ASiegelmn)	7-2-2	8-1
2	Samhara N	(BHolland)	6-6-6	7-2
3	Ever Hoping A	(MKakaley)	2-2-2	3-1
4	Caviart Sargent	(JMarohn)	5-5-3	20-1
5	Pyro	(TButer)	4-3-8	12-1
6	Komodo Beach	(JBongiorno)	1-2-2	5-2
7	Peace Out Posse	(JStratton)	1-6-1	3-1

EIGHTH: 1 Mile $24,000 50000CLM; PACE

1	Rockin Jukebox	(JBongiorno)	2-1-5	3-1
2	Keayang Taco A	(JStratton)	2-2-4	5-2
3	Invisible N	(CKelly)	6-4-3	6-1
4	Quote Me NotN	(ASiegelman)	6-3-3	8-1
5	OddsOnCapitalism	(BHollnd)	5-8-2	4-1
6	Thirsty Thursday	(TButer)	2-7-4	9-2
7	OurmatemenkoN	(MKakaley)	8-1-2	20-1
8	Music Hall	(JMarohn)	3-6-7	20-1

NINTH: 1 Mile $28,000 NW20000L5; PACE

1	JumpingjackmacN	(JStrattn)	7-1-4	3-1
2	HezaCharttopperA	(BHollnd)	6-2-7	7-2
3	MyUltimteByrnA	(ASegelmn)	1-6-7	4-1
4	Rocket City A	(TButer)	7-5-1	15-1
5	Little Willy	(CKelly)	3-1-2	5-2
6	Iknowbetter	(JBongiorno)	4-3-5	8-1
7	BackstreetShadow	(MKkley)	1-3-4	15-1
8	HurrikaneCheyenne	(JMarhn)	5-6-1	20-1

TENTH: 1 Mile $19,000 NW8401L5; PACE

1	Donttellmenow	(ASiegelman)	2-4-7	6-1
2	Finvarra A	(TButer)	7-2-3	2-1
3	Hammering Hank	(BHolland)	6-3-4	7-2
4	The Ideal DancerA	(JMarohn)	6-6-4	4-1
5	Pleaseletmeknow	(MKakley)	3-5-2	10-1
6	Six Degrees	(CKelly)	7-7-5	6-1
7	Feelin Western	(JBongiorno)	8-7-7	20-1
8	Heza Risk Taker A	(JStratton)	4-5-7	15-1

Aqueduct Results

FIRST-6 fur; $55,000; mdn clm($55,000); 3up

1	Hafu (Santana,Jr.)	11.06	5.22	4.82
3	Two Ducks (Elliott)		4.60	3.68
6	Nod to Tran (Gutierrez)			11.90

● $1 Exacta (1-3) $20.97 ● $0.1 Superfecta (1-3-6-4) $76.73 ● $0.5 Trifecta (1-3-6) $110.12 ● $1 Exacta (1-3) $20.97 ● $0.1 Show (1-3-6-4) $76.73 ● $0.5 Trifecta (1-3-6) $110.12

SECOND-1 mile 3 fur; $90,000; alc opt cl($80,000); 4up (f&m)

2	Massarat (Franco)	8.64	4.46	2.72
3	Relaxx (FR) (Prat)		3.24	2.66
1	Sol d'Oro (Santana,Jr.)			3.20

Scr: Sailaway
● $1 Daily Double (1-2) $29.74 ● $1 Exacta (2-3) $12.02 ● $1 Quinella (2-3) $5.39 ● $0.1 Superfecta (2-3-1-4) $18.79 ● $0.5 Trifecta (2-3-1) $20.43 ● $1 Daily Double (1-2) $29.74 ● $1 Exacta (2-3) $12.02 ● $1 Quinella (2-3) $5.39 ● $0.1 Show (2-3-1-4) $18.79 ● $0.5 Trifecta (2-3-1) $20.43

THIRD-1 mile; $28,000; clm($10,000); 4up (f&m)

7	Mss Lo (Guterrez)	6.06	3.12	2.74
3	Luna Moth (Silvera)		4.98	2.50
5	Whistler's Style (Gonzalez)			3.06

Scr: Ah Ca Ira, Floge
● $1 Pick 3 (1-2-7) $98.10 ● $1 Daily Double (2-7) $12.78 ● $1 Exacta (7-3) $17.26 ● $0.1 Superfecta (7-3-5-2) $15.13 ● $0.5 Trifecta (7-3-5) $25.56 ● $1 Pick 3 (1-2-7) $98.10 ● $1 Daily Double (2-7) $12.78 ● $1 Exacta (7-3) $17.26 ● $0.1 Show (7-3-5-2) $15.13 ● $0.5 Trifecta (7-3-5) $25.56

FOURTH-1 1/16 mile; $80,000; mdn spl wt; 3up

1	Twrlng Lad (Zays)	9.20	4.20	2.74
2	Emotonlyavalble (Frnco)		5.44	3.38
7	Ohonte's Own (Rodriguez)			2.44

Scr: Bargain Purchase
● $1 Pick 3 (2-7-1) $82.05 ● $1 Daily Double (7-1) $18.71 ● $1 Exacta (1-2) $18.18 ● $1 Quinella (1-2) $10.76 ● $0.1 Superfecta (1-2-7-6) $17.33 ● $0.5 Trifecta (1-2-7) $26.87 ● $1 Pick 3 (2-7-1) $82.05 ● $1 Daily Double (7-1) $18.71 ● $1 Exacta (1-2) $18.18 ● $1 Quinella (1-2) $10.76 ● $0.1 Show (1-2-7-6) $17.33 ● $0.5 Trifecta (1-2-7) $26.87

FIFTH-5½ fur; $85,000; mdn spl wt; 2YO F

7	Bndmster (Lzcno)	71.44	16.26	8.82
2	First Site (Castellano)		2.50	2.14
4	Ms Liu (Zayas)			3.74

Scr: So Angelina
● $1 Pick 3 (7-1-7) $347.04 ● $0.5 Pick 4 (2-7-1-7) $1915.69 ● $0.5 Pick 5 (1-2-7-1-7) $9834.29 ● $1 Daily Double (1-7) $148.55 ● $1 Exacta (7-2) $66.47 ● $0.1 Superfecta (7-2-4-1) $69.22 ● $0.5 Trifecta (7-2-4) $125.96 ● $1 Pick 3 (7-1-7) $347.04 ● $0.5 Pick 4 (2-7-1-7) $1915.69 ● $0.5 Pick 5 (1-2-7-1-7) $9834.29 ● $1 Daily Double (1-7) $148.55 ● $1 Exacta (7-2) $66.47 ● $0.1 Show (7-2-4-1) $69.22 ● $0.5 Trifecta (7-2-4) $125.96

SIXTH-1 mile; $70,000; st alc($55,000); 3up (f&m)

6	Hgher Forc (Ellott)	10.46	4.00	3.48
3	Sarir (Lezcano)		3.28	2.52
4	Racing Colors (Harkie)			4.50

Scr: Moon Gate
● $1 Pick 3 (1-7-6) $756.45 ● $1 Daily Double (7-6) $197.72 ● $1 Exacta (6-3) $14.79 ● $0.1 Superfecta (6-3-4-1) $15.05 ● $0.5 Trifecta (6-3-4) $40.39 ● $1 Pick 3 (1-7-6) $756.45 ● $1 Daily Double (7-6) $197.72 ● $1 Exacta (6-3) $14.79 ● $0.1 Show (6-3-4-1) $15.05 ● $0.5 Trifecta (6-3-4) $40.39

SEVENTH-7 fur; $37,000; clm($25,000); 3up (f&m)

5	Mnlght Gl (SntnJr.)	6.44	4.26	2.88
7	Dat Dares Right (Davis)		15.04	5.72
8	Better With Vino (Castellano)			3.20

Scr: Rare Society
● $1 Consolation Pick 3 (7-6-4) $286.72 ● $1 Pick 3 (7-6-5) $984.66 ● $0.5 Pick 5 ((X-COUNTRY P5) 7-5-6-2-5) $7693.86 ● $0.5 Pick 5 (7-1-7-6-4/5) $3895.16 ● $1 Daily Double (6-5) $28.97 ● $1 Exacta (5-7) $64.53 ● $0.1 Superfecta (5-7-8-2) $88.25 ● $0.5 Trifecta (5-7-8) $114.06 ● $1 Consolation Double (6-4) $5.66 ● $1 Pick 3 (7-6-5) $984.66 ● $0.5 Pick 5 ((X-COUNTRY P5) 7-5-6-2-5) $7693.86 ● $0.5 Pick 5 (7-1-7-6-4/5) $3895.16 ● $1 Daily Double (6-5) $28.97 ● $1 Exacta (5-7) $64.53 ● $1 Consolidation Pick-3 (7-6-4) $286.72 ● $0.1 Show (5-7-8-2) $88.25 ● $0.5 Trifecta (5-7-8) $114.06 ● $1 Consolation Double (6-4) $5.66

EIGHTH-1 mile; $83,000; alc opt cl($45,000); 3up (f&m)

4	Sl Wth th Wnd (Prt)	14.68	5.84	3.54
7	Nonna Lynne (Franco)		3.86	3.16
1	Saratoga Snow (Davis)			3.26

Scr: Sweet Montreal, Can't Fool Me, Sweetest Princess
● $1 Consolation Pick 3 (6-4-4) $46.06 ● $1 Grand Slam (2/4/7-3/4/6-5/7/8-4) $32.82 ● $1 Pick 3 (6-5-4) $196.49 ● $1 Daily Double (5-4) $23.20 ● $1 Exacta (4-7) $21.75 ● $0.1 Superfecta (4-7-1-3) $13.96 ● $0.5 Trifecta (4-7-1) $33.10 ● $1 Pick 3 (6-5-4) $196.49 ● $1 Daily Double (5-4) $23.20 ● $1 Exacta (4-7) $21.75 ● $1 Consolidation Pick-3 (6-4-4) $46.06 ● $0.1 Show (4-7-1-3) $13.96 ● $0.5 Trifecta (4-7-1) $33.10 ● $1 Place Pick 9 (2/4/7-3/4/6-5/7/8-4) $32.82

NINTH-6 fur; $80,000; mdn spl wt; 3up (f&m)

8	Monlght Rdy (Rvr)	77.24	37.56	18.20
3	Vekomas Plesure (Frnco)		9.12	7.32
2	Aperitif (Rodriguez)			4.76

Scr: Island Charm
● $1 Pick 6 (1-7-6-4/5-4-8) $120.35 ● $1 Pick 3 (5-4-8) $972.49 ● $0.5 Pick 4 (6-4/5-4-8) $1971.14 ● $0.5 Pick 5 (7-6-4/5-4-8) $46696.63 ● $1 Daily Double (4-8) $188.41 ● $1 Exacta (8-3) $312.43 ● $0.1 Superfecta (8-3-2-12) $1593.89 ● $0.5 Trifecta (8-3-2) $618.51 ● $1 Pick 3 (5-4-8) $972.49 ● $0.5 Pick 4 (6-4/5-4-8) $1971.14 ● $0.5 Pick 5 (7-6-4/5-4-8) $46696.63 ● $1 Pick 6 (1-7-6-4/5-4-8) $120.35 ● $1 Daily Double (4-8) $188.41 ● $1 Exacta (8-3) $312.43 ● $0.1 Show (8-3-2-12) $1593.89 ● $0.5 Trifecta (8-3-2) $618.51

Auto Racing

NASCAR Cup Series Anduril 250
At Naval Base Coronado; San Diego.; Lap length: 2.20 miles
(Start position in parentheses)
1. (13) Corey Heim, Toyota, 75 laps, 0 pts.
2. (12) Bubba Wallace, Toyota, 75, 35.
3. (14) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 75, 42.
4. (4) Zane Smith, Ford, 75, 33.
5. (15) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, 75, 45.
6. (16) Chris Buescher, Ford, 75, 39.
7. (23) Ross Chastain, Chevrolet, 75, 33.
8. (24) Riley Herbst, Toyota, 75, 38.
9. (3) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 75, 44.
10. (9) Michael McDowell, Chevrolet, 75, 27.
11. (7) Ryan Preece, Ford, 75, 45.
12. (30) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 75, 25.
13. (6) Daniel Suárez, Chevrolet, 75, 28.
14. (26) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 75, 23.
15. (11) Ty Gibbs, Toyota, 75, 29.
16. (28) John H. Nemechek, Toyota, 75, 21.
17. (22) Chase Briscoe, Toyota, 75, 20.
18. (19) Joey Logano, Ford, 75, 23.
19. (2) Carson Hocevar, Chevrolet, 75, 27.
20. (38) Erik Jones, Toyota, 75, 17.
21. (5) Todd Gilliland, Ford, 75, 23.
22. (31) Austin Cindric, Ford, 75, 15.
23. (39) Cody Ware, Chevrolet, 75, 14.
24. (18) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 75, 13.
25. (17) Tyler Reddick, Toyota, 75, 12.
26. (20) Alex Bowman, Chevrolet, 75, 11.
27. (21) Kevin Magnussen, Chevrolet, 75, 11.
28. (36) Jimmie Johnson, Toyota, 75, 9.
29. (35) Josh Berry, Ford, 75, 8.
30. (34) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 74, 7.
31. (25) Cole Custer, Chevrolet, 72, 6.
32. (27) William Byron, Chevrolet, 68, 6.
33. (33) Ricky Stenhouse Jr, Chevrolet, garage, 59, 4.
34. (29) Brad Keselowski, Toyota, 59, 3.
35. (32) Noah Gragson, Ford, accident, 37, 2.
36. (10) Austin Hill, Chevrolet, accident, 31, 0.
37. (8) Connor Zilisch, Chevrolet, accident, 31, 3.
38. (1) Shane Van Gisbergen, Chevrolet, accident, 31, 1.
39. (37) Christopher Bell, Toyota, engine, 28, 1.

Race Statistics
Average Speed of Race Winner: 70.565 mph.
Time of Race: 3 hours, 36 minutes, 50 seconds.
Margin of Victory: 10.365 seconds.
Caution Flags: 7 for 11 laps.
Lead Changes: 20 among 13 drivers.

IndyCar Road America Grand Prix
At Road America; Plymouth, Wis.; Lap length: 4.014 miles
(Start position in parentheses)
1. (12) Christian Lundgaard, Dallara-Chevrolet, 55 laps, Running.
2. (2) David Malukas, Dallara-Chevrolet, 55, Running.
3. (10) Will Power, Dallara-Chevrolet, 55, Running.
4. (19) Kyffin Simpson, Dallara-Honda, 55, Running.
5. (1) Alex Palou, Dallara-Honda, 55, Running.
6. (25) Alexander Rossi, Dallara-Chevrolet, 55, Running.
7. (6) Scott McLaughlin, Dallara-Chevrolet, 55, Running.
8. (4) Felix Rosenqvist, Dallara-Honda, 55, Running.
9. (13) Santino Ferrucci, Dallara-Chevrolet, 55, Running.
10. (18) Kyle Kirkwood, Dallara-Honda, 55, Running.
11. (11) Scott Dixon, Dallara-Honda, 55, Running.
12. (9) Pato O'Ward, Dallara-Chevrolet, 55, Running.
13. (5) Marcus Ericsson, Dallara-Honda, 55, Running.
14. (23) Louis Foster, Dallara-Honda, 55, Running.
15. (14) Romain Grosjean, Dallara-Chevrolet, 55, Running.
16. (8) Caio Collet, 55, Running.
17. (22) Mick Schumacher, 55, Running.
18. (21) Rinus VeeKay, Dallara-Honda, 55, Running.
19. (24) Sting Ray Robb, Dallara-Chevrolet, 55, Running.
20. (17) Dennis Hauger, 55, Running.

Race Statistics
Average Speed of Race Winner: 119.220 mph.
Time of Race: 01:51:06.4432.
Margin of Victory: 0.6241 seconds.
Cautions: 5 for 11 laps.
Lead Changes: 6 among 5 drivers.

WNBA

East	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	11	4	.733	—
Liberty	11	6	.647	1
Indiana	9	7	.563	2½
Washington	8	7	.533	3
Toronto	8	8	.500	3½
Chicago	4	11	.267	7
Connecticut	2	15	.118	10

West	W	L	Pct.	GB
Minnesota	13	4	.765	—
Las Vegas	12	4	.750	½
Dallas	10	6	.625	2½
Golden State	10	7	.588	3
Los Angeles	8	8	.500	4½
Portland	8	9	.471	5
Phoenix	5	12	.294	8
Seattle	3	14	.176	10

Sunday
Los Angeles 98, **Liberty** 97
Las Vegas 92, Golden State 73
Washington 84, Minnesota 79

Monday
Chicago at Connecticut, 7pm
Toronto at Atlanta, 7:30pm
Phoenix at Indiana, 8pm
Dallas at Seattle, 10pm

Tuesday
Liberty at Las Vegas, 10pm

Wednesday
Minnesota at Washington, 7:30pm
Phoenix at Indiana, 7:30pm
Portland at Chicago, 8pm
Atlanta at Golden State, 10pm

Sparks 98, Liberty 97

Liberty

	Min	FG	FT	O-Rb	A	PF	Pts
Sabally	26:38	5-12	1-2	1-5	7	3	14
Stewart	33:50	8-17	2-4	1-10	4	5	18
Jones	33:18	6-9	2-2	3-8	3	3	18
Fiebich	26:01	4-8	2-2	0-2	1	2	13
Ionescu	21:57	1-3	0-0	2-3	2	1	2
Astier	21:29	4-5	9-9	0-4	5	2	17
Johannes	16:44	4-10	0-0	1-2	1	2	10
Gardner	7:18	1-3	0-0	1-2	0	1	2
Xu	6:07	0-1	0-0	0-2	0	0	0
Allen	6:02	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	2	3
Carrera	0:36	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Totals	200:00	34-69	16-19	9-38	23	21	97

Percentages: FG .493, FT .842. **3-point goals:** 13-36, .361 (Jones 4-7, Fiebich 3-6, Sabally 3-8, Johannes 2-7, Allen 1-1, Astier 0-1, Gardner 0-1, Ionescu 0-1, Stewart 0-4). **Team rebounds:** 10. **Team turnovers:** 1. **Blocked shots:** 3 (Astier, Gardner, Jones). **Turnovers:** 16 (Fiebich 4, Astier 3, Sabally 3, Ionescu 2, Stewart 2, Johannes, Xu). **Steals:** 7 (Jones 2, Stewart 2, Astier, Fiebich, Xu). **Technicals:** None.

Los Angeles

	Min	FG	FT	O-Rb	A	PF	Pts
Atkins	25:41	4-8	0-0	0-2	4	1	10
Ogwumike	34:38	11-18	0-0	2-6	3	2	24
Hamby	30:53	6-12	0-2	2-8	3	5	12
Plum	35:53	5-14	1-1	0-3	7	4	12
Wheeler	26:26	6-11	1-1	1-2	5	3	15
Burrell	25:55	5-10	7-7	1-3	4	2	19
Ziegler	10:08	2-2	0-1	0-1	1	1	4
Williams	6:58	1-2	0-0	0-0	1	2	2
Park	3:28	0-0	0-0	1-1	0	0	0
Totals	200:00	40-77	9-12	7-26	28	20	98

Percentages: FG .519, FT .750. **3-point goals:** 9-27, .333 (Atkins 2-4, Burrell 2-4, Ogwumike 2-4, Wheeler 2-5, Plum 1-7, Williams 0-1, Hamby 0-2). **Team rebounds:** 4. **Team turnovers:** None. **Blocked shots:** 2 (Atkins 2). **Turnovers:** 9 (Burrell 3, Hamby 2, Atkins, Ogwumike, Plum, Wheeler). **Steals:** 5 (Ogwumike 3, Hamby, Wheeler). **Technicals:** None.

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THIS ONE STINGS

Liberty lose on 3 at buzzer, after 17-point lead gets away

By MADELINE KENNEY

LOS ANGELES — The Liberty have no one to blame but themselves for Sunday's 98-97 loss to the Los Angeles Sparks.

The Liberty squandered a 17-point third-quarter lead. They got comfortable, perhaps even complacent. It resulted in New York fighting with the Sparks down the stretch, only to lose on Nneka Ogwumike's buzzer-beating 3-pointer.

"We got to just figure out how to play with a lead," Sabrina Ionescu said. "We haven't really figured that out yet. I feel like in a lot of games that we've lost, we've been up and then given up a lead, so we have to be better at managing their runs. Obviously, when teams are down by that much, they're going to come even harder and harder and not get complacent and we, in turn, have to do the same thing."

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It was Ogwumike and Rae Burrell who led the Sparks' charge back into the game. The rest of Los Angeles followed suit, including the fans who came alive during the Sparks' rally.

Erica Wheeler drained a game-tying 3-pointer with about 5:31 left in the fourth quarter, sending Crypto.com Arena into mania.

New York and Los Angeles exchanged baskets for the rest of the game.

In crunch time, coach Chris DeMarco entrusted rookie Pauline Astier over Sabrina Ionescu, who looked out of sorts and was unusually quiet on offense.

Astier scored five of her 17 points in the final two minutes.

The Sparks forced the Liberty into a shot-clock violation in a two-point game with 33.3 seconds left — a 9.3-second differential in the shot clock.

Kelsey Plum's 3-point attempt rolled off the rim. Breanna Stewart secured the rebound and was immediately fouled.

She hit the back of the rim on her first free throw and drained the second to give the Liberty a 3-point lead.

Astier blocked Wheeler's 3-point attempt. The Sparks corralled the ball, and Stewart fouled Burrell, who drained her free throws to make it a one-point lead.

On the other end, Stewart, again, split a pair of free throws with 8.6 seconds left to give the Liberty a two-point lead. On the last play, a miscommunication by the Liberty led to Ogwumike's game-winner.

"They really started to get into what they do well as a team," Jones said when asked about how the team responded to the Sparks' fourth-quarter run. "The fact that they didn't really get into it early kind of lulled us to sleep a little bit and then. ... they started to execute some of their things.

"We have to do a better job of just being a little more locked in on things that we talked about even if a team isn't playing that well early on in the game."

DeMarco shook things up Sunday.

Two days after the Washington Mystics snapped the Liberty's eight-game winning streak, DeMarco made a change to the starting lineup: Promoting Satou Sabally in Marine Johannès' place.

The move felt inevitable. Sabally, a three-time All-Star, was only coming off the bench as the team gradually upped her minutes after a lengthy layoff during the offseason because of a concussion.

Sabally led all scorers at halftime with 11 points and finished with 14 points, seven assists and five rebounds. Johannès contributed 10 points off the bench.

The loss, the Liberty's second consecutive defeat, is going to sting for a while. It's not the way the team wanted to open its four-game West Coast swing.

UP ... AND DOWNER: Breanna Stewart drives to the hoop against the Sparks on Sunday in LA. Stewart finished with 18 points, but the Liberty squandered a big third-quarter lead and lost on a 3-pointer at the buzzer. Getty Images

4 franchise legends surprise team at pregame session

By MADELINE KENNEY

LOS ANGELES — Liberty players took their seats in the conference room of their hotel here Sunday morning to prepare for that day's game against the Sparks. They thought it would be a routine game prep.

But Sunday's pregame meeting took a unique twist.

Welcome signs for some of the Liberty Ring of Honor recipients were displayed on the TVs.

Then, franchise legends Teresa Weatherspoon, Sue Wicks, Vickie Johnson and Kym Hampton walked in — much to the players' surprise.

The team conducted business as usual with the Liberty icons in attendance.

They went over the scouting report and reviewed some film.

But when the prep work wrapped, the former players reflected on how far the WNBA has come since those players suited up for the first game 29 years ago Sunday.

"It was awesome," guard Sabrina Ionescu told The Post. "It's always really important to understand who played here before you and the importance and significance that they had, so I thought it was really special and obviously like I know them really well but not everyone else does so I think it was nice for them to be able to meet them."

The Liberty won the first game, beating the Sparks 67-57 on June 21, 1997.

Eight Liberty players weren't born when the WNBA started in 1997.

But the significance of playing on this day in Los Angeles isn't lost on current Liberty players, who are opening a four-game West Coast swing.

"That's pretty cool," Marine Johannès said. "It's something unique that we are lucky to play, we are lucky to live this moment, so yeah we just got to enjoy."

Weatherspoon gave the Liberty a pep talk of sorts ahead of Sunday's game. She didn't want to divulge her message, saying she doesn't share what's said in the locker room.

Breanna Stewart, though, did share a part of Weatherspoon's parting wisdom, saying the legend told them to "do things the New York way."

What exactly does that mean?

"It's very different, it's very unique, it's a greatness of mind," Weatherspoon said. "It's a never-give-up approach and that's what we stand for. We live like that, we play the way the city lives and that's how we're connected."

"New York is blue collar," Johnson added. "Pride, every day, putting on that uniform, it was more than just basketball."

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McCollum inks $21M extension with Hawks

By BRYAN FONSECA

CJ McCollum is staying in Atlanta.

The veteran guard agreed to a one-year, $21 million contract extension with the Hawks on Sunday, according to ESPN's Shams Charania. It ends any uncertainty about his future as he remains a cornerstone after being one of the team's most important late-season contributors.

The deal includes a trade kicker, per Charania.

The extension comes after McCollum played a vital role in Atlanta's surprising surge following his midseason arrival in the deal for Trae Young.

After being acquired by the Hawks from the Wizards, the 34-year-old quickly became a stabilizing force on a mostly young roster.

Atlanta caught fire down the stretch, finishing the regular season on a remarkable 19-4 run that vaulted the team into the No. 6 seed in the Eastern Conference, evolving from a fringe postseason possibility into one of the hottest teams in the league.

McCollum's presence had a lot to do with that.

The 13-year veteran often guided the offense with his on-ball creativity, perimeter shooting and late-game shot creation, all trademarks of his entire NBA tenure.

In 41 regular-season games with Atlanta, including 25 starts, McCollum averaged 18.7 points per game while shooting 45.6 percent from the floor and 35.7 percent from behind the arc.

His impact became even more apparent during the playoffs.

Although Atlanta ultimately fell to the eventual champion Knicks 4-2 in the first round, McCollum repeatedly gave the Knicks problems throughout the series, primarily in the first three games, as the Hawks built a 2-1 lead.

McCollum produced multiple clutch performances, including a 32-point outing in Game 2, when he scored six points in the final minutes and hit the go-ahead basket with 33.5 seconds remaining to steal a victory at Madison Square Garden.

The Knicks led by 12 in the fourth quarter before the Hawks chipped away at the lead.

McCollum added another 23 points in a Game 3 victory, in which Atlanta staved off a late Knicks rally to win 109-108.

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Tarris Reed Jr.

PICK UP PIECES

Johnnies' Ejiofor among five potential Knicks targets in '26 NBA Draft

By ZACH BRAZILLER

The Knicks' path to a repeat begins this week, as Leon Rose and Co. start to put together next year's roster.

Free agency is over a week away, but how the Knicks proceed with two picks in the top 31 of the loaded draft could offer hints of which free agents they hope to keep.

Key reserves Mitchell Robinson, Landry Shamet and Jordan Clarkson aren't under contract, and Jose Alvarado has a $4.5 million player option.

The Post looks at five prospects who could be there for the Knicks at No. 24, No. 31 or both spots, and make sense given their roster composition:

Zuby Ejiofor

The sentimental choice for a lot of Knicks fans who also follow St. John's. Ejiofor blossomed into a superstar in Queens his senior season, leading the team in scoring (16.3), rebounds (7.3), blocked shots (2.1) and assists (3.5). He is somewhat of a tweener at 6-foot-8, but fits the Knicks' grinding ethos and hard-playing mantra. An NBA scout compared him to a former Knick, a modern-day Charles Oakley, because of his relentless motor, defensive versatility and improving jump shot. The Knicks recently brought him in for a workout.

"I think he's someone the Knicks should look at," ESPN Draft analyst Jeremy Woo said last week on a conference call. "I think he would fit. If you look at how they've built their bench ... these are all guys that had that level of grit, guys who don't quit, guys who come in and you know what you're getting. You trust them off the bench. I could see him fitting in really well."

Tarris Reed Jr.

Like Ejiofor, this pick would be Robinson insurance. Reed is a throwback big man. He doesn't shoot 3s and is a limited defender in space. But Reed was dominant in Connecticut's run to the NCAA Tournament title game, posting 19.5 points, 13.2 rebounds, 2.0 assists and 1.5 blocks. He plays with physicality, has improved as a passer and defender, and is a monster on the offensive

Versatile St. John's star Mitchell

By ZACH BRAZILLER

Dillon Mitchell arrived at St. John's with the reputation as a high-flying athlete and terrific defender.

Nobody knew at the time he could also play point forward.

With the Johnnies lacking a true difference-maker at point guard, Coach Rick Pitino used Mitchell in that role. The move not only helped St. John's win a second straight Big East regular-season and postseason title and advance to the Sweet 16 for the first time in 27 years, it made Mitchell more attractive at the next level.

He was a one-man fast break, turning rebounds into transition opportunities. He took ballhandling pressure off guards and frequently converted live-ball turnovers into jaw-dropping dunks.

"It's been really big," Mitchell recalled on a Zoom call Sunday, two days ahead of this week's NBA draft. "I've always been a selfless person, so getting out and trying to make plays for others is what I love to do. I played a little bit of it at Montverde [Academy]. So when [Pitino] saw it in practice, me being able to handle the ball, it opened up a lot for us.

"Being versatile enough to be able to do that, a lot of teams like it."

An NBA scout, whose team brought in Mitchell for a workout, agreed with that sentiment.

"It does help," the scout said, speaking on condition of anonymity. "We like him. The worry is he can't make shots. He does everything else."

It is part of Mitchell's allure, his versatility as a 6-foot-7 forward who can also initiate offense and create for teammates. That, along with his defensive versatility to guard big men, wings and guards, and his NBA-level athleticism.

Mitchell impressed teams during the draft combine in May and had 16 workouts. At the start of the process, most mock drafts had him being selected around picks 50-59 or not at all, but that has changed in recent weeks, with most experts projecting him to be drafted somewhere between 30 and 39.

The one knock is his jump shot,

Meleek Thomas

Jayden Quaintance

Zuby Ejiofor

glass, averaging 3.2 offensive boards this past season. The UConn star likely won't be around at No. 31.

Meleek Thomas

The one-and-done Arkansas standout has ironically been compared to Clarkson, who emerged as a valuable depth piece late in the year. The 6-foot-3 Thomas is a quality shotmaker who made 41.6 percent of his attempts from distance, and is adept at creating off the dribble. He would ease the potential loss of Clarkson and provide perimeter firepower. Remember, he's a John Calipari guy, and the Arkansas coach remains tight with Rose and Knicks executive William "Worldwide Wes" Wesley.

Jayden Quaintance

This would be a risk, considering Quaintance is sliding due to concerns over his surgically repaired right knee. But his talent as a rim-protecting lob threat is undeniable, and he wouldn't be available where the Knicks pick if not for the injury. After ACL surgery in March 2025, the 6-foot-9 Quaintance appeared in only four games a year ago for Kentucky. If the knee is right, he has Robinson qualities as a defender, shot blocker and rebounder. He makes up for being a tad undersized with an enormous 7-foot-5 wingspan.

Isaiah Evans

The Duke shooter has worked out for the Knicks and could be an intriguing option. He went from a spot-up shooter as a freshman to a complete player as a sophomore. His top skill is still his jumper – he shot 36.1 percent on 7.4 attempts — giving him real 3-and-D potential. It may be tough for the Knicks to keep Shamet coming off his terrific postseason, and Evans could be part of the solution in his place.

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ready to take game to next level

as the scout alluded to. He's not a traditional prospect as a non-shooter. But Mitchell has taken a simple approach throughout this process: Do what he does well, which is playmake, rebound, defend and push the ball.

"For me, it's understanding who I am as a player, not going out there trying to prove something or do something I don't do," said Mitchell, who averaged 8.3 points, 7.0 rebounds, 3.0 assists and 1.3 steals in his lone season as a Johnnie. "Do what got me into this position. ... These are job interviews. So going in with the right approach is something Coach 'P' taught me."

Pitino has been in constant communication with Mitchell throughout the process, offering him tips for workouts and giving him updates on what he has heard from teams. He has also been talking regularly with fellow former St. John's stars Zuby Ejiofor and Bryce Hopkins as they go through the draft process as well. St. John's last had multiple players drafted in 2000, and there is a chance all three hear their names called this week.

The trio also helped next year's Johnnies. During the combine, they were aware that St. John's was recruiting Baylor transfer Tounde Yessoufou, who was testing the draft waters. They were in his ear about the program. Right at the deadline for underclassmen to either stay in the draft or return to college, Yessoufou pulled out and committed to the Red Storm.

There is a wide range of possibilities for Mitchell. He seems comfortable with whatever happens. It's out of his control now.

One option, though, is particularly intriguing. He recently worked out for the Knicks. His agent, Sam Rose, is the son of Knicks president Leon Rose. He loved everything about living in New York City this past year, and would welcome joining the newly crowned champions.

"It would be insane," said Mitchell, who plans to watch the draft in Houston with friends and family. "Man, it would be exciting to stay there and be with all of those fans again."

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Serena to play singles at Wimby

By JAKE NISSE and JUSTIN TASCH

Serena Williams' Wimbledon comeback won't just be for doubles.

The 44-year-old tennis legend will compete in the singles tournament at the All England Club as a wild card, Wimbledon announced Sunday, marking her first singles action since the 2022 U.S. Open.

Williams is already set to compete in the doubles tournament with sister Venus, the pair receiving a wild-card entry.

A 23-time Grand Slam winner in singles competition, one shy of Margaret Court's record, Williams made her comeback to tennis earlier this month in doubles with partner Victoria Mboko at the Queen's Club tournament.

The comeback followed months of speculation about a potential return for Williams, who tipped her hand by reentering the sport's testing protocol in December.

She later refused to rule out a comeback when pressed on the "Today" show in late January.

"I don't know, I'm just going to see what happens," she said.

Williams and Mboko won their first match together, but an Mboko injury ended their tournament prematurely.

Williams then competed with Karolina Muchova at the Berlin Open, where they lost in the first round Tuesday.

The tennis icon stepped away from the sport in 2022, but avoided using the word retirement, instead saying in an essay for Vogue that she was "evolving away" from the sport.

Since then, she's focused on raising her two daughters, Olympia and Adira, with husband Alexis Ohanian, and has invested in various sports ventures.

She and Ohanian invested in NWSL side Angel City FC, while she also became part of the ownership group of WNBA expansion outfit the Toronto Tempo.

Her sister, meanwhile, returned to the sport after a 16-month absence in July of last year, and later played in the U.S. Open doubles draw alongside Leylah Fernandez.

The pair made a surprising run to the quarterfinals before being eliminated.

The Williams sisters' reunion at Wimbledon will be the first time they've played together since 2022, and the first time they've teamed up at Wimbledon since 2016.

The pair has won an incredible 14 Grand Slam titles together during their memorable careers — but Serena has indicated she's approaching this comeback with a more well-rounded view.

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YELLOW LIGHT

USMNT can play it safe with key players on cards, nothing to play for vs. Turkey

By ETHAN SEARS

IRVINE, Calif. — The U.S. men's national team approaches its final game of the group stage with a luxury it has never had before at a World Cup. The game doesn't matter.

Of course, everyone wants to keep the momentum going after two rousing wins that clinched the group with a game to spare. And beating Turkey would be a feather in the cap for Mauricio Pochettino's side, especially when the USMNT hasn't beaten a European opponent since a 2021 friendly against Bosnia.

But the Turks, eliminated in disastrous fashion after failing to score a goal on more than 60 shots across two games, have nothing to play for but pride. Ditto for the Americans, who are already locked in to play a round of 32 match — very possibly against Bosnia, ironically — in Santa Clara on July 1.

Which means that you can expect heavy rotation from Pochettino, especially with four players on a yellow card and Christian Pulisic's left calf injury rendering his status unclear.

Single yellow cards are wiped clean after the group stage, but picking up a second would leave a player suspended for the round of 32. So there's little reason for the U.S. to risk any of Tyler Adams, Chris Richards, Antonee Robinson or Folarin Balogun — all of whom the Americans need on the field in knockout games — in the name of getting a result in what will be a glorified friendly.

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"You're asking the wrong guy, man," Adams said when asked about the situation. "I want to play every game."

Adams, who picked up his yellow against Paraguay, did get through the 2-0 win over Australia without a second. But given his role defending counterattacks and getting stuck in defensively, he's arguably the most at-risk player to pick up a card on any given day.

"At moments when I want to do something stupid, I try to tame myself a little bit," Adams said Friday of his mindset. "When things [got] physical today, I was kinda the peacemaker today, to be honest with you. I didn't get in any scraps or do anything too dumb. You think about it, but at the same time, I'm not taking away my aggressiveness. That's also what makes me a good player."

The situation with Pulisic, whose injury has taken a backseat in the discourse since Friday, is the most interesting.

If he is available to play — and though the noise about that has been optimistic, it was also optimistic he'd play against Australia, before it wasn't — there's a fair argument he should get some minutes under his belt. Nineteen days between the Paraguay game and the round of 32 would be a long enough layoff that it's something for Pochettino to consider.

If Pulisic is at any risk of aggravating the injury, or would need to play through it, then of course there's little reason to indulge that risk.

Though rotating the entire starting 11 might be a step too far — Pochettino would want to keep some continuity after all — this could be a moment for players like Cristian Roldan, Tim Weah, Alex Zendejas or Mark McKenzie to get into a game. Gio Reyna and Sebastian Berhalter, who have come on as subs in the first two games, could be candidates for an extended look as well.

"It's too early to talk about our decision against Turkey," Pochettino said after the game, a few hours before the U.S. officially clinched its group. "I cannot anticipate nothing [about] what we are going to do. ... But we are 28 players training, 26 on the [roster], and all the players have the capacity to play and they are qualified to play."

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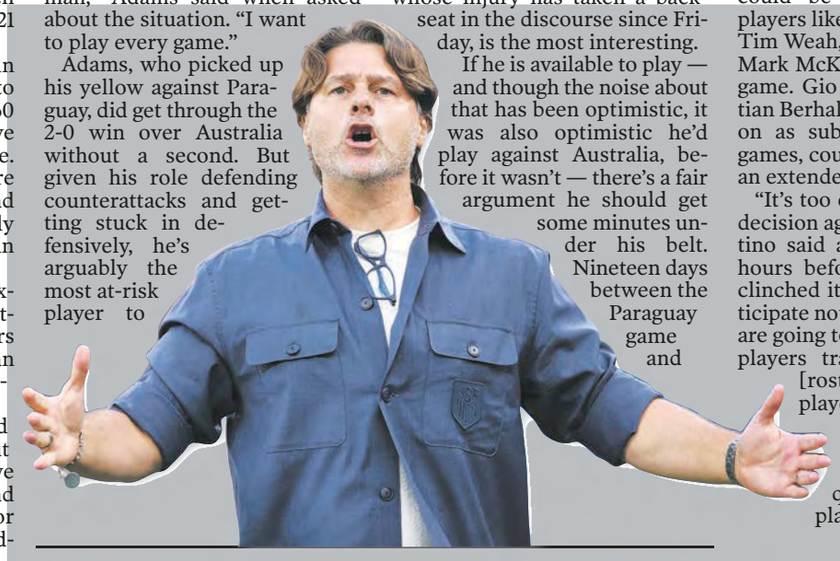

WILD CARDS: Tyler Adams (left) and Antonee Robinson argue about a yellow card Adams received in the U.S. opener against Paraguay. Robinson received one vs. Australia — and coach Mauricio Pochettino could have both sit out Thursday's game against Turkey.
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Pepi's breakout performance turns weakness into

By ETHAN SEARS

USMNT NOTES

IRVINE, Calif. — Of all the scenarios and lineup permutations discussed and debated for the possibility Christian Pulisic wouldn't play in Friday's match against Australia, only the most clairvoyant among us saw Ricardo Pepi coming.

The two-striker setup Mauricio Pochettino deployed in the 2-0 win against the Aussies was a total departure from everything the U.S. men's national team had done over the past year. Pepi, making his first start at a World Cup next to Folarin Balogun, played his role excellently, and the chess move worked as intended.

"It's special of course," said Pepi, one of the final cuts from the roster four years ago. "Being able to go through a lot, obviously, and then getting to start today obviously makes it even better. I'm very happy to be able to get this out of the way."

In part due to injuries, the 23-year-old had struggled to leave much of an impression with the national team under Pochettino, aside from a strong performance against Jamaica in the Nations League all the way back in November 2024. Toward the end of the season, though, he was pouring in goals at the club level, for Dutch side PSV, and put in an eye-opening performance in the friendly win against Senegal at the end of May.

To state the obvious, he's the second striker on the depth chart now — no one is deposing Balogun — and has carved an important role for himself.

This is at a position, remember, where the U.S. was starved for production at the last World Cup in Qatar. Now it seems to have optionality alongside the massive boost in talent provided by Balogun's commitment to play for the Yanks over England.

"Ricardo, for me, is one of the greatest strikers in the world for here in the USA," Pochettino said. "The problem of Ricardo was suffering the last year too many issues and problems that didn't allow him to develop and be involved with us a little bit more time.

"That was a problem, but

Angry Iran coach rants after draw against Belgium

By ETHAN SEARS

INGLEWOOD, Calif. — On another day in another world, the talk Sunday afternoon might have centered on lethargic Belgium, which looked so beatable, or the heroic play of Iranian keeper Alireza Beiranvand, who made one of the saves of the tournament to help salvage a scoreless draw.

But here came Iranian coach Amir Ghalenoei to shatter the illusion that the afternoon might be about the game itself.

"We were in war conditions for six months, we didn't have our league operating," Ghalenoei said. "We had only one FIFA [friendly] date and it took us 40 hours to go and play a match outside of Iran. And our league was not operating and everybody knows about the visa situation, and they know what happened to us coming to the U.S."

Just like Iran's opening match here at the renamed Los Angeles Stadium, Ghalenoei said Iran had travel issues and was told it needed to return to its base camp in Tijuana immediately after the game instead of staying the night to recover.

(The fact that flying after the game and recovering afterward is normal practice for many teams — the USMNT, for example, did so Friday after playing in Seattle — seems not to have entered this equation.)

"We've only been here 16 hours and we have to fly back at 4 p.m.," Ghalenoei said. "We don't even have enough time to recover. And our players have needed time to recover, to be prepared, but we need to go to the airport and go back to Tijuana."

Whoever wins a group that looks wide open right now — Iran's last game is against Egypt, Belgium's against New Zealand — would be a likely Round of 16 opponent for the USMNT. If it's Iran, that would be the most geopolitically meaningful sporting event in some time.

If anything, Iran could have been disappointed it didn't win Sunday. Beiranvand's save on Maxime De Cuyper in the 59th minute, getting his hand to a shot after having dived the opposite way, kept the game scoreless before Iran played the last 24 minutes up a man after Nathan Ngoy was red-carded for denying Mehdi Taremi a clear goal-scoring opportunity.

The Belgians could rightly claim to have had more opportunities — and far more possession — before then. But without star winger Jeremy Doku (respiratory infection), the Red Devils played without pace and lacked creativity.

Though Belgium will be favored to beat New Zealand and ultimately reach the knockouts, two draws from two games in what looked like a winnable group should leave the team plenty nervous.

"We should have won this match today but when there are so few matches in the group you cannot miss an opportunity and we did," Belgium coach Rudi Garcia said. "We have to show our best football. We have a lot of work [to do]."

SAVING THE DAY: Alireza Beiranvand makes a diving save during Iran's scoreless draw with Belgium. AP

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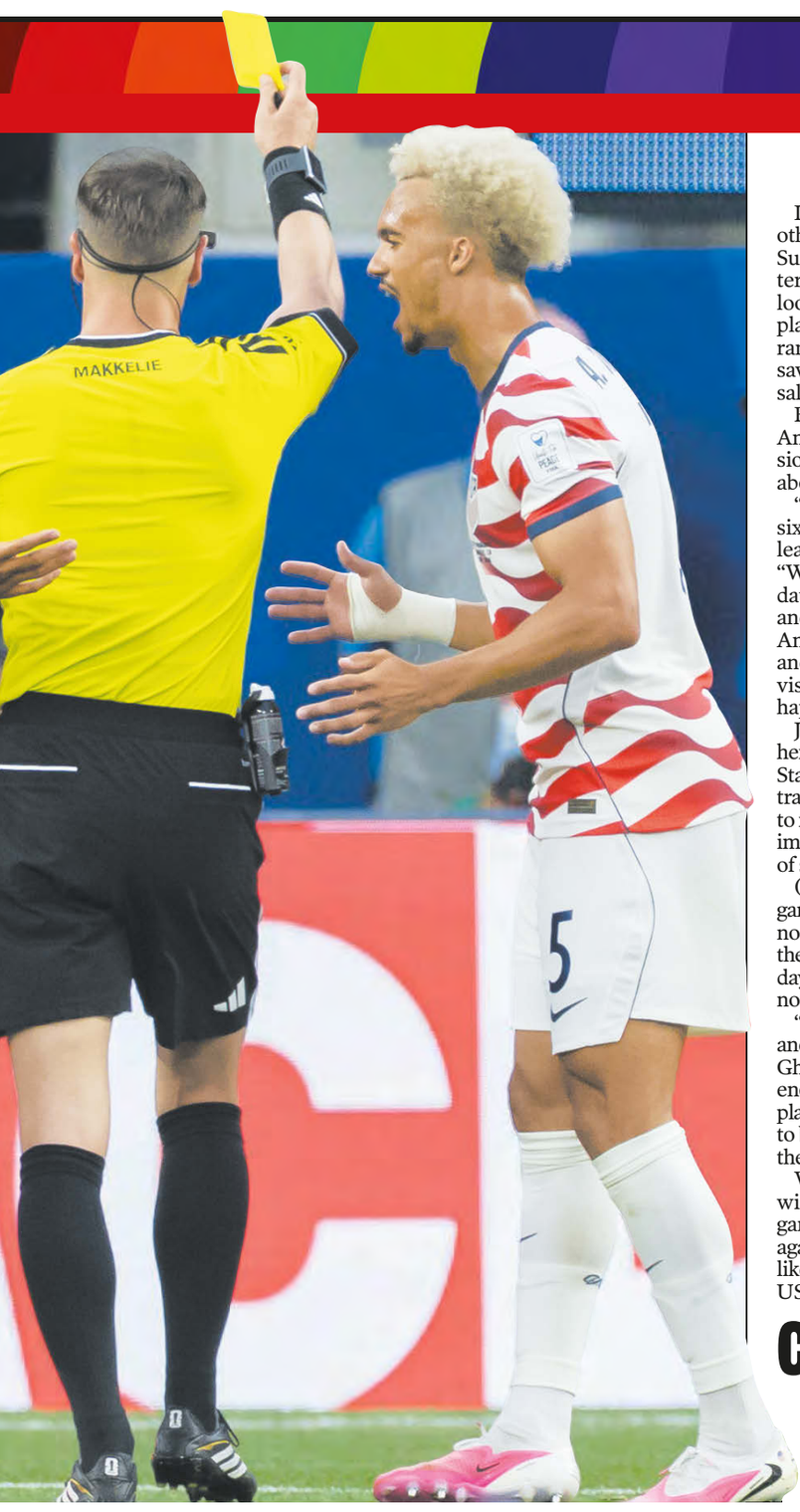

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always we trust in him. Now working with us, I think he's getting better and better every day. I have a condition, like you see, he can play with another striker, he can play alone. He has an unbelievable capacity to create chances and score goals."

➤ The USMNT did not hold training Sunday, with the plan being to return to the pitch Monday morning.

HEAD IN THE GAME: Ricardo Pepi stepped in for Christian Pulisic and acquitted himself well. Imagn Images

Cape Verde earns stunning tie vs. Uruguay

Associated Press

Cape Verde's magical start to its first World Cup isn't over. It might just be getting started.

The tiny island nation that stunned tournament favorite Spain last week did it again against Uruguay — a two-time World Cup champion — on Sunday in Miami Gardens, Fla., coming from behind for a 2-2 draw.

Kevin Pina scored on a free kick for Cape Verde's first-ever goal in the World Cup, and Helio Varela scored the equalizer for what has become one of the most surprising teams of the expanded 48-team tournament — a club now with a legitimate chance of getting into the knockout stage.

"This is something we owe to other smaller national teams," Cape Verde coach Pedro Leitão Brito said through an interpreter. "Teams that struggled to qualify for a world tournament. We're also here to show that a country may be small, may struggle financially, but if they are resilient, if they can endure struggle, they can also stand shoulder to shoulder with other major teams and with players who are on another level."

The group of islands off Africa's West coast have about 4,000 square meters (about 2.5 miles) of landmass and approximately a half million inhabitants, making Cape Verde the third-smallest nation by population to qualify for the World Cup.

WORLD CUP ROUNDUP

Egypt 3, New Zealand 1

In Vancouver, British Columbia, Mohamed Salah scored the go-ahead goal and Egypt went on to defeat New Zealand to secure its first-ever World Cup win.

Salah celebrated his 68th international goal by pumping his fist before he was mobbed by his teammates in the 67th minute.

Spain 4, Saudi Arabia 0

In Atlanta, teenage superstar Yamal scored 10 minutes into his first start on soccer's biggest stage and Spain kickstarted its campaign with a rout of Saudi Arabia.

The 18-year-old forward slid in at the far post to touch home a low cross for the opening goal and became the eighth-youngest scorer in World Cup history. More importantly, he settled Spanish nerves after the European champion was held to a surprise 0-0 draw by Cape Verde in its opening game.

THAT BURNS!

By ANDREW CRANE

As soon as he was asked about his father, Sam Burns started to tear up. In the moments after he surged up the leaderboard Sunday, going from seven shots behind Wyndham Clark to within one shot of the lead at the time his round ended, Burns ended up hitting balls on the driving range at Shinnecock Hills Golf Club — waiting, with his father in attendance, to see if he'd end up in a playoff.

The emotion was palpable from Burns — typically low-key — in his news conference. He recalled how Todd Burns told him that he was "really proud." And despite playing what Sam felt was a strong round of golf, a 3-under 67 that marked his best of the tournament, there was a hint of lingering regret, a bit of what-if looming over every answer after falling just short at a second consecutive U.S. Open.

"I think we both knew how special it could have been for Father's Day," Burns said.

Burns strung together four birdies on the front nine — with a bogey taking one of those away before the turn — to give himself a chance. But after a birdie on the 16th hole, Burns settled for pars on the final two holes, with his birdie attempt falling just short on No. 17 and rolling just wide of the pin on the final hole.

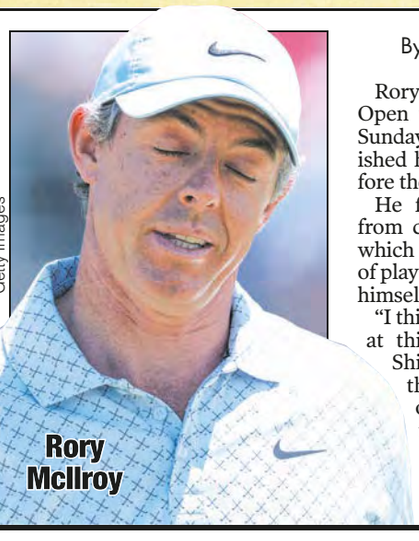
This all unfolded one year after he couldn't turn a 54-hole lead into his first major championship at Oakmont Country Club, too. Burns would've been the fifth player to not win a U.S. Open after holding a 54-hole lead one year and then take the tournament the following year, according to the Elias Sports Bureau. He fell apart on the final day in 2025, ceding the spotlight to eventual champion J.J. Spaun and finishing in a tie for seventh after a round that featured a rain delay.

Last year, Burns said, he felt like he lost the tournament. That wasn't the case this time, when he was the chaser and the crowd favorite and the golfer who, ultimately, fell just short once again.

"I certainly don't feel that way today," Burns said. "... I started the day seven shots back. That's very difficult to overcome, especially someone who is playing as well as Wyndham has been playing. That was really the difference today.

"If I would have been a little bit closer and maybe could have got ahead of him at some point, I think there could have been a different outcome possibly, but at the end of the day, he played amazing, and it was his week. You got to tip your cap to him."

NOOOOO! Sam Burns falls to the ground after missing a potential tying birdie putt on No. 18 at Shinnecock Hills on Sunday, two holes after celebrating a big birdie putt on 16. Burns (left, waving to the crowd on the 18th green) finished one shot back of Wyndham Clark, recording a top five finish in a major for the first time in his career. Imagn Images; Getty Images



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Rory McIlroy

By MARK CANNIZZARO

McIlroy loses tough battle with

U.S. OPEN NOTES

Rory McIlroy's forgettable U.S. Open week ended rather quietly Sunday at Shinnecock as he finished his day some two hours before the leaders.

He finished 6 over par, miles from contention, after a week in which he followed good stretches of play with too many bogeys to set himself back.

"I think it won the battle over me at this point," McIlroy said of Shinnecock. "Looking back on the entire week, I'll obviously rue the back nine [Saturday]. I got myself to 2 under par for the tournament after nine and then the wheels came off and played a really bad back nine.

"I sort of shot myself out of the tournament then. Obviously, I was really disappointed coming away from the course last night. You try to come out here [Sunday] positive and you try to muster up the energy to put a good one in there, but a couple of bogeys on the front nine, I was just trying to race my way to the 18th green."

McIlroy was even par entering the weekend and shot a pair of 73s when he needed better golf.

McIlroy said his next move is preparing for the British Open.

"I'll be playing some links golf this week probably coming up," he said. "It's my favorite time of the year to go back home and play, play the Open, and I get to spend a bit of time back there.

"This [Shinnecock] was not too dissimilar to an Open Championship in terms of how the golf course started to play over the weekend, but a bit of links golf over the next couple weeks will be nice."

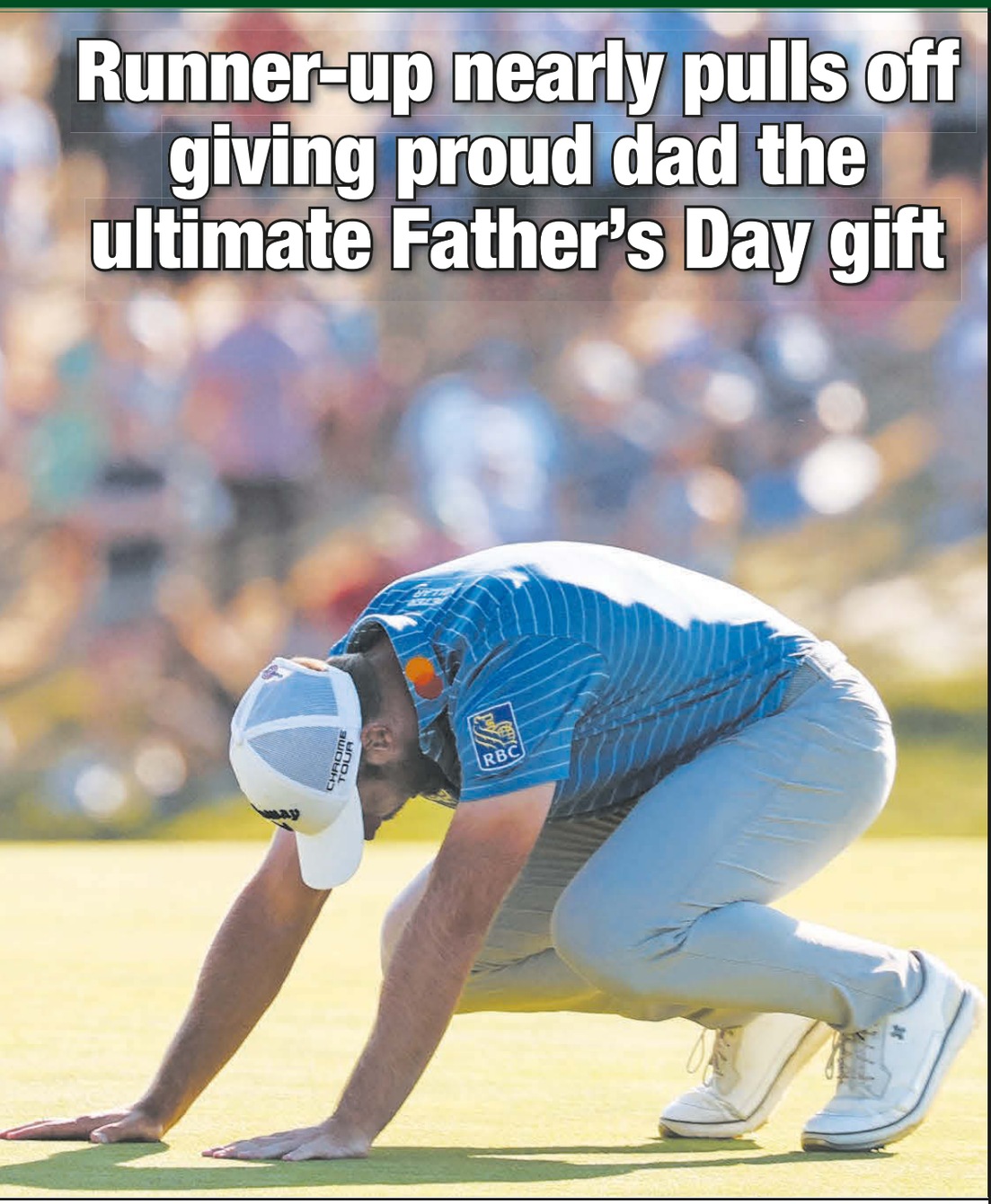
➤ **Jackson Koivun** and **Ryder Cowan** tied for the honor as low amateur for the week, finishing 5 over. Koivun shot a final-round 68 and Cowan a 73. Miles Russell, the 17-year-old phenom, finished 7 over.

"Shinnecock was so much fun this weekend," Koivun said. "Just happy to walk away with a birdie on the last hole. But just happy to be able to say I went out there and tried my hardest."

Koivun is about to turn pro, saying, "Yeah, that's a good way to go out. We're on to the next leagues now."

Asked if it changes his mindset as he enters the new phase of his

Runner-up nearly pulls off giving proud dad the ultimate Father's Day gift



venerable Southampton course

career, Koivun said, "Not much. Just go out there and keep enjoying it, keep having fun."

Cowan said tying for low am "means a lot," adding, "It's a big accomplishment for me. It gives me a lot of confidence and just that I know I can come out here and compete with the best."

Russell, the youngest player in the field who looks even younger than 17, described his U.S. Open experience as "a pretty special week."

"Just to be here was really special, and to make the cut was kind of bonus points," he said. "I didn't quite have my best stuff the last two days, but still really cool. Just a great experience."

Russell had his father on his bag for the week, making Father's Day even more special.

"It was pretty cool just there walking up 18 [with him]," he said. "It was kind of a fun Father's Day gift. Hopefully, it's something he'll remember for a long time."

➤ What a wild week for **Keith Mitchell**, one of the player favorites on the PGA Tour and nicknamed "Cashmere Keith" for his snappy attire.

He began his week with a double bogey on his first hole of the tournament and shot 41 on his first nine holes. He rallied with a 29 on his back nine Thursday and remained in contention right through Sunday, finishing even par and tied for fourth.

That gets him into the 2027 U.S. Open.

➤ Englishman **Tyrrell Hatton** tied **Joaquin Niemann** as the low LIV Golf player for the week, finishing 1 over after shooting 67 on Sunday.

Scheffler left with questions

By ANDREW CRANE

All Scottie Scheffler could do was stare.

His second shot, out of the bunker, on the seventh hole Sunday had hit the green and, in classic Shinnecock Hills Golf Club style, did a U-turn, rolling back into the sand. Scheffler ended up bogeying the hole, and it marked the latest missed chance in a round full of them for Scheffler — turning a 30th birthday that could've been about a career Grand Slam on Father's Day into one that left him with what-ifs.

Plenty of the hype building ahead of Sunday revolved around Scheffler and the run he could make while chasing Wyndham Clark. He'd appeared to have solved the course over the back nine Saturday and could've been even closer than the six strokes he trailed by at the start of the round. But Scheffler settled for 1 over Sunday and even for the tournament, finishing in a tie for fourth — with J.T. Poston and Keith Mitchell — and four shots behind Clark, who won his second U.S. Open in four years.

"I felt like I did enough to have a really good round," Scheffler said. "It was just, man, I felt like I hit a lot of good putts that were really close to going in. Just wasn't able to kind of hole those."

The crowd following Scheffler kept pulling for each of his shots to hit fairways and greens while begging for Clark to end up in bunkers. There were chants about his birthday, too. Fans wanted the comeback. They wanted the history.

But Scheffler's struggles started on the first hole — when his second shot rolled off the green and his putt to save par missed — and continued on the seventh, when he lost the stroke he'd picked up with a birdie two holes prior. He moved back to 1 under with a birdie on the 10th, but he finished his round with a bogey and four consecutive pars.

So Scheffler's bid for history became a secondary storyline to Sam Burns' bid for a historic comeback. He wasn't the one threatening, really, as Clark stumbled. This wasn't as close a call as the U.S. Open in 2022, when he finished in a tie for second, one shot behind Matt Fitzpatrick, but it was winnable.

Niemann finishes wild week in style

By MARK CANNIZZARO

That Joaquin Niemann was even playing in Sunday's U.S. Open final round at Shinnecock was a minor miracle.

It was Niemann, remember, who posted a 7-over-par 11 on the par-4 sixth hole in the completion of his first round Friday morning.

The 27-year-old from Chile, who plays on LIV Golf, rallied admirably with a 5-under 65 in his second round to make the cut comfortably.

In Sunday's final round, Niemann closed with a 4-under 66 — the low round of the day — to finish tied for seventh at 1 over for the week.

That result qualified Niemann for the 2027 U.S. Open, with those in the top 10 getting an automatic invite.

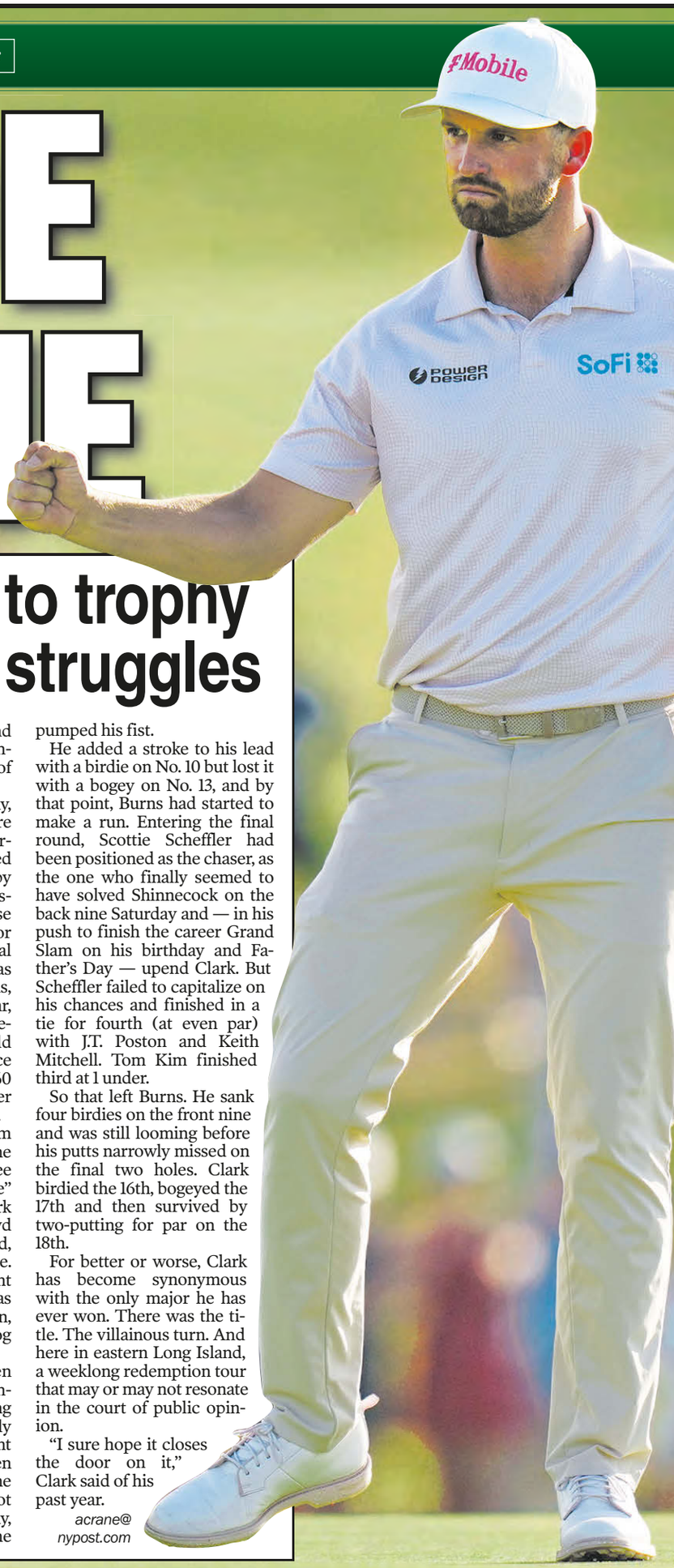
"Obviously, good golf takes care of it," Niemann said after his round. "What I was trying to do was put a low round. We saw Tommy [Fleetwood] last [time the U.S. Open was at Shinnecock, in 2018] put in a 63 in the clubhouse early in the morning, and I was just focusing on that.

"I was focusing on trying to hit 63, trying my best. Ended up just short, but really happy with the round today."

Niemann said that other than that meltdown on No. 6 in the first round, hitting two balls out of bounds and later being penalized two strokes for throwing his sand wedge in anger, "I played great."

If he'd parred that hole, Niemann would be 6-under for the week, which would have been good enough to win the tournament.

CLARK DE TRIOMPHE



'23 U.S. Open champ adds to trophy case despite jeers, Sunday struggles

By ANDREW CRANE

Everything was in place for a historic collapse by Wyndham Clark, and based on the jeers and taunts that followed him throughout the final round of the U.S. Open, the Shinnecock Hills fans would've been OK with that. Everything was in place for an equally historic comeback by Sam Burns, too, and with Clark the villain, Burns emerged as the unlikely hero.

Burns' birdie putt on the 18th hole rolled right up to the edge of the pin. When it didn't go in, he fell to his knees and flipped his putter, the reality of heartbreak for a second consecutive year at the U.S. Open starting to sink in. Clark soon made a 24-foot birdie putt on No. 16 and unleashed a powerful fist pump as his lead grew. Entering Sunday with a six-shot lead, Clark — whose locker-bashing incident at Oakmont last year turned him into a villain — did just enough to finish 4 under par and defeat Burns by a shot for his second U.S. Open win in the past four years.

"I mean, the first one was amazing," Clark, whose father surprised him by the 18th green on Father's Day, said with the trophy on the press conference table next to him, "and this one seems even better. I think especially after such a sour taste last year in this championship, to have some redemption and win this again is — I mean, gosh, it's almost surreal."

Final leaderboard

AP

at Shinnecock Hills GC Southampton, LI

Wyndham Clark	-4
Sam Burns	-3
Tom Kim	-1
J.T. Poston	E
Keith Mitchell	E
Scottie Scheffler	E
Notables	
Sam Stevens	+1
Xander Schauffele	+2
Collin Morikawa	+3
Rory McIlroy	+6
Chris Gotterup	+8
Cam Young	+8

Clark was in a dark place after the Oakmont tournament, he admitted. He didn't go outside much in the days after it. Everything he'd worked toward — his career, his reputation — started slipping away. Missing the U.S. Ryder Cup team was another "jab in the stomach." Clark didn't necessarily think he'd be in this spot one year later, but he and his team "made a cocoon" to anchor his return to the summit of a major.

Clark, who was 3 over Sunday, became the first wire-to-wire winner of the major since Martin Kaymer in 2014. He avoided an epic collapse like the one by Greg Norman in the 1996 Masters — still the only golfer to lose a major when leading by six or more shots entering the final round, according to the Elias Sports Bureau. And if Burns, who entered Sunday at even par, completed the seven-shot comeback, it would've tied Arnold Palmer — who was in 15th place entering the final round in 1960 — for the largest comeback after 54 holes in tournament history.

The jeers had followed him wherever he went. "Get in the bunker" shouts came after tee shots. There were "don't choke" jabs that got fans ejected. If Clark thought the Shinnecock crowd was "flat" after his third round, then this was the polar opposite.

"They definitely didn't want me to win," Clark said. "That was tough, but I also, like — I mean, sometimes being the underdog is nice."

Clark, the 2023 U.S. Open champion, clung to the momentum from a blistering opening round as long as he possibly could. He was 3 over on the front nine Sunday, but it could've been worse if he didn't save par on the fourth hole. Clark's second shot bounced twice on the walkway, and after he sank the putt, he pumped his fist.

He added a stroke to his lead with a birdie on No. 10 but lost it with a bogey on No. 13, and by that point, Burns had started to make a run. Entering the final round, Scottie Scheffler had been positioned as the chaser, as the one who finally seemed to have solved Shinnecock on the back nine Saturday and — in his push to finish the career Grand Slam on his birthday and Father's Day — upend Clark. But Scheffler failed to capitalize on his chances and finished in a tie for fourth (at even par) with J.T. Poston and Keith Mitchell. Tom Kim finished third at 1 under.

So that left Burns. He sank four birdies on the front nine and was still looming before his putts narrowly missed on the final two holes. Clark birdied the 16th, bogeyed the 17th and then survived by two-putting for par on the 18th.

For better or worse, Clark has become synonymous with the only major he has ever won. There was the title. The villainous turn. And here in eastern Long Island, a weeklong redemption tour that may or may not resonate in the court of public opinion.

"I sure hope it closes the door on it," Clark said of his past year.

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Victory a group effort for Team Wyndham

WIN-DHAM CLARK: Wyndham Clark celebrates with his girlfriend, model Emily Tanner, after sinking the clinching putt on No. 18. AP (2)

HELP.

Without it, Wyndham Clark would not have won the U.S. Open on Sunday at Shinnecock Hills on a day that, for hours, suggested he was going to blow the six-shot lead he took into the round.

Without it, he wouldn't have won the 2023 U.S. Open at L.A. Country Club.

Without it, Clark might never have gotten over the death of his mother, Lise, to Stage 4 metastatic breast cancer in August 2013, when he was a 19-year-old freshman at Oklahoma State, a tragedy that nearly pushed him to quit golf.

Golf, at its core, is an individual sport.

But it's so much more than that for the modern athlete, who so often after achieving success thanks the "team."

The 32-year-old Clark's team' has

evolved considerably over the past few years, and it has provided a powerful and pivotal boost to his career, which had sagged a bit.

A vital member of Clark's team made a surprise visit to Shinnecock on Sunday. His father, Randall, who almost never attends his tournaments, flew to Long Island from his home in Denver to surprise his son.

After Wyndham Clark two-putted the 72nd hole for par to win by one shot over Sam Burns, he was blown away to see his dad waiting for him on 18.

"He was like, 'What are you doing here? This is so cool. Come here, let's have a man hug,' " Randall Clark told The Post while standing greenside during the trophy ceremony.

The father squeezed his son like he was never going to let go and said some things to him as they embraced.

"I told him what a warrior he is," Randall Clark said. "Look up resilient in the dictionary and you'll see a picture of him. That's who he is. He felt like he wasn't only playing the golf course, he was basically playing against all the New York fans."

Help.

Julie Elion became Clark's mental coach a short time before he won that '23 U.S. Open and remains an emotional rock for him to lean on in times of doubt.

Elion told The Post that she and Clark, in a phone conversation Saturday night, devised "a plan" for what they thought was going to happen on Sunday, knowing the crowds were going to be heavily pulling for Scottie Scheffler, with whom he was paired and who was trying to complete the career Grand Slam.

"We knew there were going to be confrontations out there, hecklers and haters," Elion said. "Anytime he heard something, he had a plan to reframe it, not hear it, or go back to his own goals. The technique was to not take it personally. Turn it off."

Asked what Clark proved to himself by getting through Sunday, Elion said, "I think the self-doubt may be mostly gone now."

Help.

David "Big Play Dave" Pelehoudas was hired as Clark's caddie in March 2026 after Clark parted ways with his good friend John Ellis after nearly a decade. Since that hire, Clark has won the CJ Cup Byron Nelson and now his second career U.S. Open.

After going a good period without a swing coach (which is somewhat unconventional on the PGA Tour), Clark brought on Pat Coyner just before the start of this season, and he's helped return Clark's ball-striking to its peak levels.

Michael Kanski is Clark's putting coach. Kanski has him using a left-hand low putting grip. Clark won the tournament with his succession of one-putt par saves over the weekend.

Rob Mougey, the brother of Jets general manager Darren (who came to Shinnecock with his kids to watch Sunday), is Clark's agent and someone Clark refers to as a key confidant.

Then there is LA-based model and social-media influencer Emily Tanner, Clark's girlfriend, who made her public debut of sorts as his caddie at the Masters in April in the Par-3 Contest.

"He's in love," Elion gushed to The Post.

Sure, Clark had to hit all the shots Sunday — 73 of them to be exact — to get the job done.

Sure, it was Clark who somehow made birdie on 16 after his tee shot landed in what NBC on-course reporter Jim "Bones" Mackay described as a "horrendously bad" lie in the fescue.

"That putt he made on 16 and the fist pump was kind of an 'I'm still here' statement," Randall said. "It was like, 'I'm not going anywhere, I'm here. You guys get ready.' "

Sure, it was Clark who kept his nerve to stave off Burns and Scheffler and his own doubts.

But make no mistake: The help from all of the above-mentioned people in Clark's life was a part of it — surely including his late mother, whose mantra to her son was to "play big" and use his platform as an athlete to inspire others.

"It's not just my win, it's my team," Clark said. "It's John Ellis, who helped get me here, it's 'Big Wave,' it's my agent, it's my swing coaches, my trainers, and then obviously my family."

Help.

Clark got no help from the spectators, some of whom were a downright lowlife embarrassment, overtly rooting for shots that Clark hit to roll into bunkers and putts to lip out.

On the fourth tee, fans chanted "Happy birthday" and "Happy Father's Day" and "Hook 'em, Scottie" to Scheffler.

Then there was the zero who followed that by yelling, "Don't choke, Wyndham," as he was about to tee off, before being booted from the premises by security.

"Man, they definitely didn't want me to win," Clark said.

"Winning major championships is extremely difficult," Scheffler said. "It's hard to win these golf tournaments. Wyndham had some stones down the stretch."

Help.

When it was all over Sunday, even the Clark detractors had to admire what he overcame to make himself U.S. Open champion for the second time in four years.

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PHILTHY HABIT

By MIKE PUMA

PHILADELPHIA — David Peterson barely gave his team a chance Sunday night, becoming the latest Mets starting pitcher to bury the team early.

Over the past week it's a list that also included Kodai Senga and Freddy Peralta, both of whom also got knocked around early, creating a significant deficit. It's getting too repetitive for the Mets.

On this night, Peterson surrendered five runs over the first two innings, sending the Mets to a 6-2 loss to the Phillies. The loss was their second straight, completing a 2-4 road trip.

PHILLIES	**6**
METS	**2**

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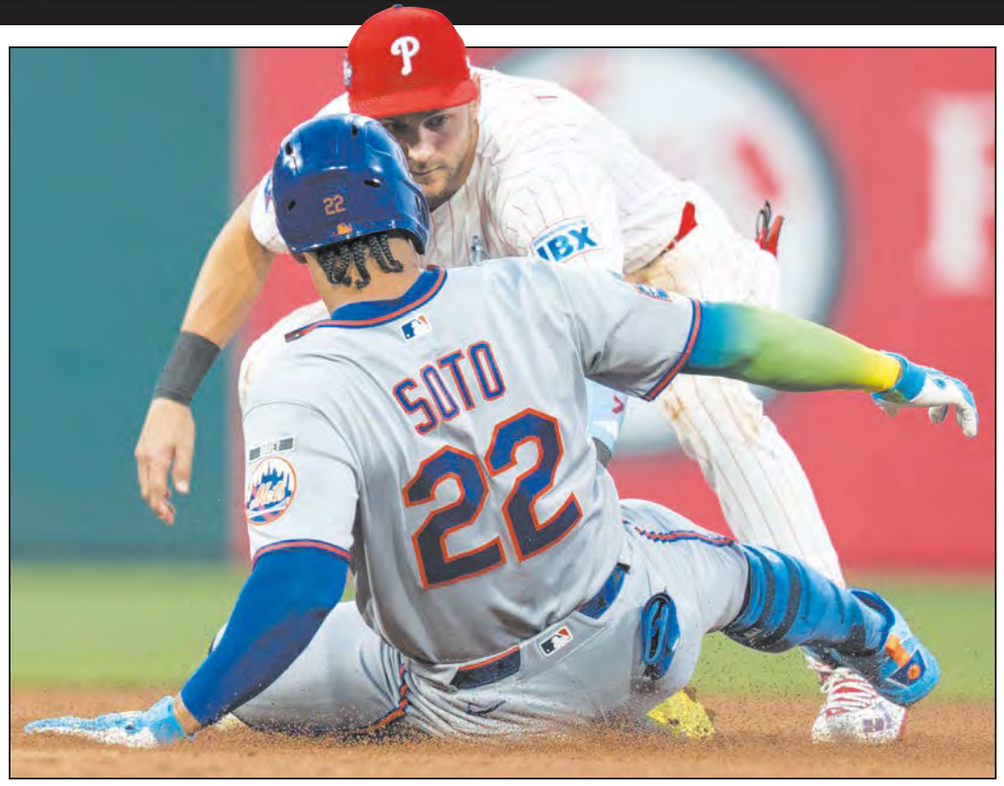

Pattern of pitiful pitching holds as Mets cap road trip with loss

"It's very tough to give up the lead right away," Juan Soto said of the team's starting pitching woes. "But it's part of the game. We have just got to be better. We have got to play better baseball and go out there and execute."

There isn't much to like about the team, save for a bullpen that consistently gives the Mets a chance in close games. The Mets (34-43) just aren't playing enough of them.

"The record is the record," manager Carlos Mendoza said. "For us, [starting pitching] is where it starts. Our job as a coaching staff is to help these guys get through it."

In just his latest clunker, Peterson lasted only four innings and allowed five runs (one unearned) on six hits and two walks with five strikeouts over four innings. In three appearances this month the lefty owns a 12.15 ERA. His ERA for the season is 6.09.

Peterson walked Trea Turner and Kyle Schwarber to begin his night before striking out Bryce Harper on a full-count pitch at his ankles. But Peterson still paid for the walks: Alec Bohm hit a grounder that went for an infield single, with Brett Baty's errant throw bringing in the first run. Edmundo Sosa's ensuing slow grounder to Bo Bichette went for an infield single, extending the Phillies lead to 2-0.

"I wasn't too pleased with walking the two guys, but after that I felt I made an adjustment, challenged them in the zone, got some ground balls and weak contact," Peterson said. "Kind of the way I finished, I felt like myself."

Bryson Stott and Turner singled in succession to start the second before Schwarber launched a three-run homer that buried the Mets in a 5-0 hole. It was the fourth homer of the series for Schwaber, who blasted three in the Phillies' 15-3 victory a night earlier. Schwarber has 29 homers only 77 games into the Phillies' schedule.

"We obviously have not put ourselves in a situation we want to be in, but it's not for lack of effort or lack of commitment," Peterson said. "I think it's just 1-26 getting the job done. At the end of the day, do we come away with the win or loss, and that is something that we all need to focus on, whether it's pretty or not."

Carson Benge's homer against Zack Wheeler in the third cut the Phillies lead to 5-1. The homer was the rookie Benge's ninth this season. The inning concluded with Soto thrown out at second base by plenty attempting to stretch a single into a double.

Harper hit a line drive into the right field seats leading off the fifth against Austin Warren to give the Phillies a 6-1 lead. A night earlier, Harper hit for the cycle for the first time in his career.

A.J. Ewing's RBI fielder's choice in the sixth cut the Mets deficit to 6-2. Ewing was the final batter faced by Wheeler, who left to a standing ovation. Wheeler loaded the bases on walks to Benge, Soto and Jared Young. The inning concluded with Marcus Semien striking out against Jonathan Bowlen.

"[Wheeler] is a really good pitcher, and the reason he's really good is he's able to limit damage," Mendoza said. "In order to beat guys like that, not only do you have to create traffic, but you have got to hit. Against arms like that, they get the lead, and it's going to be hard."

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Senga won't give up on himself despite yearlong

By MIKE PUMA

PHILADELPHIA — Kodai Senga has barely resembled a major league pitcher over the past calendar year, but his confidence remains high that he can return to prominence.

"I believe that I can dominate," Senga told The Post through his interpreter before the Mets lost to the Phillies 6-2 on Sunday night. "I believe that I have all the power in the world to be a great pitcher in this league, and if I don't believe that who will?"

First, the Mets need a semblance of respectability from the right-hander, who is set to face the Cubs on Monday.

A team in desperate need of a starting pitching surge for better or worse is banking on Senga, who sputtered in his return to the Mets on Tuesday following a six-week rehab for lumbar spine inflammation and an ulnar nerve irritation.

Senga allowed four earned runs in the first inning against the Reds before pitching the next three scoreless. He owns a 9.00 ERA in six starts this season.

Does Senga, who took a nosedive in the second half last year — finishing the season in the minor leagues — wonder if he's running out of chances with the team?

"Regardless of what team you are on, what organization you're in, what level you are playing at, if you are not performing you don't have a spot in the rotation or on the team," Senga said. "So, it's easy to think about 'What if this and that' if things don't go well. It goes back to what I can control: What am I going to do going forward in my next outing and next few outings?"

Senga, a former All-Star, isn't the only Mets starting pitcher in need of resuscitation. Another former All-Star, Freddy Peralta, had a career-worst performance Saturday, allowing 10 earned runs over 2 ⅔ innings against the Phillies, and has shown inconsistency the past few weeks. A third former All-Star, David Peterson, took a 5.91 ERA to the mound Sunday.

Simply, the Mets rotation beyond ace Nolan McLean, and perhaps Sean Manaea (who has been respectable in recent appearances) is a mess.

It has left Mets officials with the unenviable task of trying to fix multiple pitchers within the rotation.

"You trust that you know those guys have done it before,

HOLE LOT OF TROUBLE: David Peterson winds up to deliver a first-inning pitch Sunday night against the Phillies, to whom the starting pitcher surrendered five runs (one unearned) over four innings in Philadelphia. His struggles put Juan Soto — tagged out by shortstop Trea Turner trying to stretch his third-inning hit into a double — and the Mets lineup in an early hole.

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ON DECK: vs. Cubs

Monday, 7:10 p.m., SNY, WHSQ (880 AM)

RHP Kodai Senga

2026 stats: 0-5, 9.00 ERA
Career vs. CHC: 1-2, 6.91 ERA
Last start: Tues., at CIN; 4 IP, 2 H, 4 ER

PITCH BREAKDOWN

37%	25%	22%
4-Seamer	Cutter	Forkball

LHP Shota Imanaga

2026 stats: 4-6, 4.26 ERA
Career vs. NYM: 1-2, 10.34 ERA
Last start: Mon., vs. COL; 5.2 IP, 5 H, 1 ER

PITCH BREAKDOWN

44%	33%	13%
4-Seamer	Splitter	Sweeper

UP NEXT

TUESDAY: vs. Cubs, 7:10 p.m., SNY, WHSQ
RHP Nolan McLean vs. RHP Edward Cabrera

WEDNESDAY: vs. Cubs, 7:10 p.m., PIX11, WHSQ
LHP Sean Manaea vs. RHP Javier Assad

INJURY REPORT

Francisco Lindor, who is returning from a right calf strain, played a rehab game for Triple-A Syracuse on Sunday and likely will rejoin the Mets this week. The shortstop could play in a simulated game Monday at Citi Field.

Lindor could be up for simulated game in Queens

By MIKE PUMA

PHILADELPHIA — Francisco Lindor's next stop could be Citi Field but perhaps not to rejoin the Mets roster just yet.

After the shortstop played in a rehab game for Triple-A Syracuse on Sunday, manager Carlos Mendoza indicated there is a possibility Lindor will play in a simulated game before the Mets open their series against the Cubs on Monday — serving the purpose of giving Lindor back-to-back "games" given the minor league schedule is dark.

The earliest Lindor would likely play for the Mets is Wednesday — he would receive a day off after the back-to-back outings.

Mendoza was encouraged that Lindor, who is rehabbing a right calf strain that has kept him sidelined since April 22, played a full game for Syracuse. Lindor played a rehab game for Double-A Binghamton on Friday before receiving a day off Saturday.

"He's getting close," Mendoza said before the Mets lost 6-2 to the Phillies on Sunday night.

METS NOTES

➤ Mendoza gave **Luis Torrens** a second straight start at catcher with **Francisco Alvarez** as the DH, allowing the Mets to play their best defensive option behind the plate while keeping Alvarez's higher-upside bat in play. Torrens went 1-for-3 with a strikeout while Alvarez was 0-for-4 with three strikeouts.

➤ **Luke Weaver** has a 20-inning scoreless streak over his previous 18 appearances. Over that stretch, he allowed 10 hits with four walks and 25 strikeouts.

➤ Knicks broadcaster **Mike Breen** will throw out a ceremonial first pitch before Monday's game at Citi Field. The Yonkers native and Fordham alum — a longtime Mets fan — has been the voice of the NBA Finals for the past two decades.

➤ Sunday was the 62nd anniversary of **Jim Bunning**'s Father's Day perfect game for the Phillies against the Mets at Shea Stadium.

Wells in at catcher in The Bronx

By DAN MARTIN

YANKS NOTES

Austin Wells was behind the plate for the Yankees for the first time Sunday since hitting the injured list with cervical headaches.

The catcher went 0-for-2 with a strikeout, but both Wells and manager Aaron Boone are confident that his ability to work on his approach at the plate while on a rehab stint with Triple-A Scranton/Wilkes-Barre will be beneficial.

The Yankees hoped the time in the minors might serve as something of a "reset" for Wells, according to Boone.

Wells has continued to wear a one-piece face mask, which resembles a hockey goaltender's mask, instead of the more traditional two-piece mask he'd worn throughout his career.

He made the switch shortly before being sidelined and used it in the minors.

While rehabbing, Wells said he took "one or two" foul balls off the helmet and noticed an improvement from his previous headgear.

He also hasn't experienced any more headaches, which he hopes are behind him.

The Yankees certainly could use more offense from the catcher position, since Wells, J.C. Escarra and Ali Sánchez have mostly struggled.

Escarra was optioned to SWB after Saturday's game, as the Yankees preferred to keep the right-hitting Sánchez around with several left-handed pitchers lined up to face them in the coming week.

➤ **Gerrit Cole**, originally scheduled to start Sunday, was pushed back to Monday in Detroit, as the Yankees looked to give their rotation a break in the middle of a 16-day stretch without an off day.

Cole has made five starts since returning from Tommy John surgery and said he feels good and the extra day was the team's suggestion.

"It's not that big a deal," Cole said, adding it didn't impact his preparation between starts.

The Yankees felt that with Cole, along with **Carlos Rodón**, coming back from elbow surgeries, and young pitchers like **Cam Schlittler** and **Will Warren** in the rotation, a break was beneficial.

➤ **Trent Grisham** has been doing on-field agility drills, and Boone said he's "encouraged" by how the center fielder is recovering from a right hamstring strain.

"Maybe a little surprised he's moving as well as he is," Boone said.

struggles on mound

they had success in this league, especially when they are healthy — like in Senga's case," manager Carlos Mendoza said. "[Manaea] with his last couple of outings, you just continue to go back to who they are, what made them a success before and just go back to who they are, what made them a success before, and continue to work with them. It's not that they forgot how to pitch."

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INJURY REPORT

■ **Giancarlo Stanton** had a "slow week" according to Aaron Boone, as the DH attempts to come back from the right calf strain that's sidelined him since April. The Yankees are playing it cautious with Stanton after he suffered a recurrence of the injury earlier this month.

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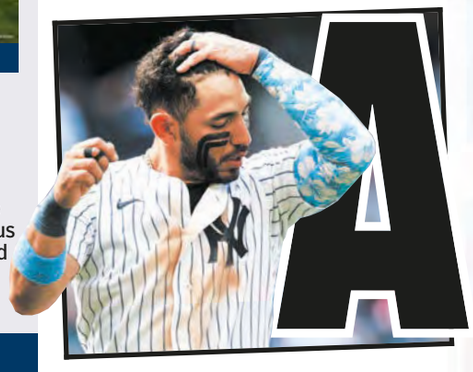

Bombers suffer 2nd straight sloppy loss to Reds in Bronx

By DAN MARTIN

The Yankees lost consecutive games for the first time in three weeks when they dropped a second straight to Cincinnati on Sunday in The Bronx.

While they have larger plans in mind — pushing Gerrit Cole and the rest of the rotation back a day and moving top pitching prospect Carlos Lagrange into the bullpen at Triple-A Scranton/Wilkes-Barre — that didn't make Sunday any easier to stomach.

Following Saturday's sluggish defeat, the Yankees put on a similarly messy display to finish the homestand.

Despite six stolen bases, they made some ugly errors due in part to players playing out of position. The lack of depth in the Yankees lineup without Aaron Judge was also apparent in a 4-1 loss at the Stadium.

Most damaging of all, after going hitless in 13 at-bats with runners in scoring position Saturday, they went 0-for-9 Sunday.

"I'll take the opportunities," Aaron Boone said of the failure to capitalize over the two games. "We'll cash in. They held us down for days, but we've given ourselves opportunities."

In Cole's place Sunday was Elmer Rodríguez, who nearly gave the Yankees what they wanted but saw his afternoon ruined by a two-out, three-run homer by Tyler Stephenson in the fourth inning.

That, coupled with the Yankees' inability to break through against Reds pitching again, was enough to do them in.

Against Chase Burns, who entered the game fourth in the majors with an ERA of 2.01, the Yankees got just a solo homer from Ben Rice in the third.

REDS 4
YANKEES 1
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Rodríguez, who escaped trouble in the first by striking out Spencer Steer, faltered in the fourth.

Nathaniel Lowe walked to start the inning, but Rodríguez struck out Steer and Eugenio Suárez.

Noelvi Marte extended the inning with a base hit to right before Stephenson went deep to left on a 3-1 four-seamer to give Cincinnati a 3-1 lead.

It was the first homer allowed in Rodríguez's young career.

"I fell behind and gave up a home run," said Rodríguez, who learned Friday he was starting Sunday in The Bronx and was optioned back to Triple-A Scranton/Wilkes-Barre after the game. "One pitch didn't go where it was supposed to go and he did damage."

The Yankees left runners in scoring position in five of the first six innings and only scored when Rice gave them the lead with his fourth homer in seven games, a one-out solo shot in the third after Anthony Volpe was picked off first base.

Volpe argued that first baseman Sal Stewart interfered with him getting back to the bag, to no avail.

A Yankees lineup that had been clicking even without Judge was stifled for a second straight game — especially in clutch situations.

"A little like [Saturday], we couldn't break through with a hit when we needed it," Boone said. "We just haven't finished off the inning."

They got Burns out of the game after five innings by forcing the right-hander to throw 96 pitches. Against lefty Sam Moll, they drew a two-out walk from José Caballero and a pinch-hit single by Amed Rosario.

The Yankees went to their bench again, sending Paul Goldschmidt up for Austin Wells, but Goldschmidt flied out to right to keep it a two-run game.

With Spencer Jones out of the game —Max Schuemann pinch hit for him in the sixth — the Yankees played the rest of the way with the unusual outfield alignment of Schuemann in left, Caballero in center and Jasson Domínguez in right, where he still doesn't look good.

That was especially evident in the ninth, when a grounder up the middle by Steer, which got past Jazz Chisholm Jr. and into center, turned into a double and a throwing error by Caballero. Steer scored on a ground-rule double by Marte after Domínguez took an awkward route to the ball.

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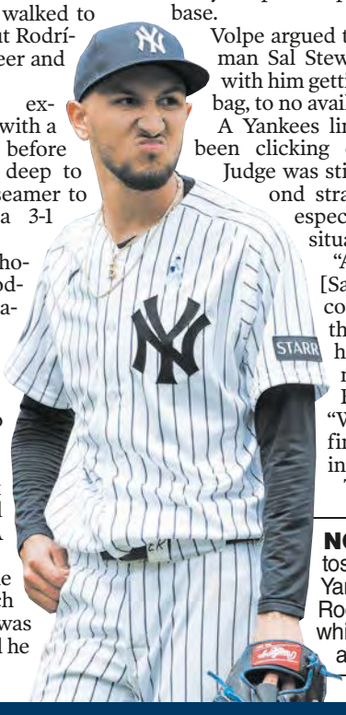

NOT A GOOD LOOK: Cody Bellinger goes to toss his bat after striking out in the fifth inning of the Yankees' 4-1 loss to the Reds on Sunday. Elmer Rodríguez (left) allowed three runs over four innings while walking two and José Caballero (inset) reacts after fouling out to the catcher in the eighth.

ON DECK

at Tigers
Monday, 6:10 p.m., YES, WFAN (660 AM, 101.9 FM)

RHP Gerrit Cole

2026 stats: 2-1, 2.57 ERA
Career vs. DET: 10-1, 1.84 ERA
Last start: Tues, vs. CWS; 6 IP, 2 ER, 6 SO

PITCH BREAKDOWN

45%	18%	15%
4-Seamer	Slider	Change

LHP Framber Valdez

2026 stats: 3-5, 4.09 ERA
Career vs. NYY: 0-2, 7.22 ERA
Last start: Tues., at HOU; 6 IP, 0 ER, 6 SO

PITCH BREAKDOWN

46%	28%	21%
Sinker	Curve	Change

UP NEXT

TUESDAY: at Tigers, 6:40 p.m., YES, WFAN
LHP Carlos Rodón vs. RHP Casey Mize

WEDNESDAY: at Tigers, 6:40 p.m., Prime Video, WFAN
LHP Ryan Weathers vs. LHP Tarik Skubal

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Volpe irked after being picked off

By DAN MARTIN

The Yankees stole six bases Sunday, the most they'd swiped in a game since 2013.

But it was one they didn't get that bothered Anthony Volpe most in a 4-1 loss to the Reds at the Stadium.

After walking to open the bottom of the third, Volpe was picked off first by right-hander Chase Burns.

Volpe was originally called safe on the play, but Cincinnati challenged the call and it was overturned.

Even before the ruling, Volpe argued with first base umpire Brian O'Nora that first baseman Sal Stewart blocked his path back to the base with his foot.

"I had nowhere to go," Volpe said of the play. "In spring training, at shortstop receiving throws [to second base], we try to be spot on with that rule. It's not from us. The league tells us."

Volpe's argument fell on deaf ears.

"He told me he didn't want to watch [the replay] on the screen," Volpe said. "He said the throw took him there. It's up to him."

To make matters worse, Ben Rice followed with a home run to give the Yankees a one-run lead.

"It's a huge play in the game," Volpe said. "It took a run off the board."

The rule, Volpe added, also exists to help prevent injuries.

"You don't want to mess up your shoulder sliding back into first," the shortstop said.

Boone sympathized with Volpe but was not surprised by the outcome.

"By the letter of the law, he's blocking the base," Boone said. "Are you really gonna get that call very often? Probably not."

The Yankees were still able to capitalize on Burns being slow to home plate to steal six bases — despite Burns having a good pickoff move. But their lack of hitting with runners in scoring position meant that none of those swipes led to a run.

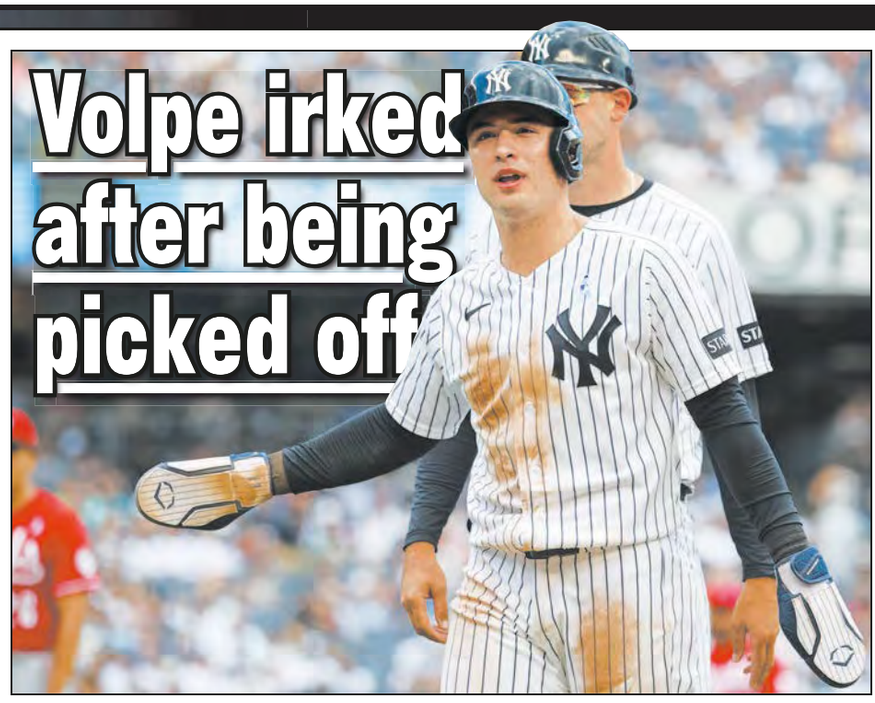
The six stolen bases came from just three players, as Cody Bellinger, Jasson Domínguez and Jazz Chisholm Jr. each swiped a pair.

Only José Caballero was thrown out — and that's because he overslid second base in the second inning and shortstop Edwin Arroyo kept the tag on him.

The Yankees have stolen 80 bases this year, their most through 76 games since 2002.

But it wasn't enough Sunday.

"As an infielder, you've got to be locked in on that rule," Volpe said.



UNHAPPY CAMPER: Anthony Volpe, who went 0-for-3 with two strikeouts, reacts after being picked off first base during the third inning. Jason Szenes

Cody takes $tar turn in 1st year of new pact

By DAN MARTIN

Cody Bellinger, the son of a Yankee, had his family with him in The Bronx this weekend — including his father, Clay.

Cody's well on his way to his first All-Star appearance since his MVP season in 2019, and he said getting the chance to go again would be especially meaningful.

"It would absolutely be special," Bellinger said. "I'm not gonna lie: To experience it with my kids, who I didn't have the last time I made it, would be amazing."

It's part of what's been a strong opening season to his new contract, as Bellinger has so far lived up to the five-year, $162.5 million deal he signed with the Yankees in the offseason.

He reached base twice and stole two bases in Sunday's 4-1 loss to the Reds and is on pace for his best season since that '19 season.

Of the six contracts signed this offseason by position players that could hit nine figures, Bellinger's is arguably off to the best start.

He entered Sunday with the highest WAR among the group, which includes the Cubs' Alex Bregman, Baltimore's Pete Alonso, Philadelphia's Kyle Schwarber and Bo Bichette of the Mets, as well as the player some wanted the Yankees to sign to take Bellinger's spot in the outfield, Kyle Tucker.

Tucker is off to a very pedestrian beginning of his tenure with the Dodgers, as he entered Sunday with an OPS-plus of 100, which is league average.

Bellinger, meanwhile, has been valuable in the lineup, especially as the Yankees deal with injuries to key members of their roster — including Aaron Judge and Giancarlo Stanton.

And it comes with Bellinger under the added spotlight of the pricey deal.

Bellinger said he's aware of all of that.

"The contract definitely allowed me to take care of my family, but I still want to perform to my highest capability," Bellinger said. "I want to outperform the contract. I want to honor it."

That can be easier said than done.

Paul Goldschmidt understands the scrutiny, having signed a five-year, $130 million extension with the Cardinals in 2019.

"It's all about your mindset," Goldschmidt said. "There's always gonna be pressure, whether you're in high school or on the biggest stage. You want to live up to the contract, but you can't let that be all-consuming. You just have to do your part and perform. You can tell it's not too much for Cody. He's the same guy no matter what."

Bellinger has seen his share of ups and downs, from bursting onto the scene as the NL Rookie of the Year in 2017 with the Dodgers, a solid second season in 2018, his 2019 MVP season and winning the 2020 World Series.

"I definitely appreciate all of it," Bellinger said. "So many people have helped get me to where I'm at now. I'm in a good spot and really just try to give it all I've got."

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The big battles have been covered, so the small ones are getting movie treatments now — and **"Pressure"** (VOD) delivers some effectively stormy drama.

OUR CALL: STREAM IT

WHAT TO WATCH

Taylor Sheridan's hit Western drama **"Yellowstone"** may have ended, but the legacy continues with two exciting new spin-offs that ambitiously expand the OG show's universe. The Luke Grimes-led **"Marshals"** recently wrapped its first season, but if you're hungry for more Dutton drama, **"Dutton Ranch"** has you covered.

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'THE CLASSIC IAGO MOMENT'

Emmy contender Adewale Akinnuoye-Agbaje breaks down Alamo Brown's most shocking 'Euphoria' moments

Adewale Akinnuoye-Agbaje (left, below left) stars as Alamo Brown in "Euphoria" Season 3, which is streaming now on HBO Max.

Eddy Chen/HBO

By MEGHAN O'KEEFE

The third and final season of **"Euphoria"** wrapped up the saga of Rue Bennett (Zendaya) and her friends with wild showpieces, jaw-dropping moments, and even a healthy dose of spirituality. However, the HBO show also offered newcomers to the series the occasional chance to steal the spotlight from the show's massive ensemble cast of literal superstars.

One such incredible performer? Adewale Akinnuoye-Agbaje, who played the charming, yet nefarious, strip club impresario Alamo Brown.

****Spoilers for the "Euphoria" Season 3 finale, now streaming on HBO Max****

When Rue first met Alamo back in the "Euphoria" Season 3 premiere, she was so taken by the dream world he presided over — beautiful women everywhere, drugs to enjoy, no muling to endure — she pitched him hard on taking her on so she could leave the employ of Laurie (Martha Kelly). Rue explained that she thought God brought the two of them together, and after she survives a wild "William Tell"-like test, Alamo is inclined to believe. If God brought Rue and Alamo together, though, it's because "Euphoria" has a cruel sense of humor. Ultimately, Alamo would be responsible for Rue's tragic death, tricking her into taking fentanyl-laced Percocets in the series finale. While some fans might have thought the addiction-laden character simply died of an overdose, Akinnuoye-Agbaje confirmed to DECIDER when he visited our studio recently that Alamo killed Rue.

"It was a perfect way of getting rid of her," Akinnuoye-Agbaje said. "I think also, as we learn, he kind of enjoys the sport of killing people. You know, he does enjoy that. He's got quite a sadistic streak."

DECIDER: I've been seeing so many fan reactions to your performance and how incredible it is. Have you seen anything particular that made you chuckle or made you feel touched?

ADEWALE AKINNUOYE-AGBAJE: Well, it's been a few marriage proposals that's been quite... [Chuckling] Oh, well, he's a crime lord that traffics women and kills people. Diff'rent strokes, I guess. But no, their theories about what would life have been like with him and Maddy had he not been killed? People were just taking it wherever they want. I think they've all been overwhelmingly positive. I think the biggest one is when they realized that I was obviously British. They never expected that, which is good. I think that's a testament to the work we put into — both me and Sam — to build the character.

I really loved watching you and Alexa Demie on screen together. You're two electric performers together in scenes. So take me back to the diner scene, because almost immediately those two establish this rapport. What was it like to begin the sort of partnership of Alamo Brown and Maddy Perez?

Alexa Demie, I always loved her character — because I binge-watched the first two seasons before coming on board — and she just has this... Her character's very real in how she delivers her truth. And I love that. When Alamo meets her, and works with her, she brings out a different side of Alamo that we hadn't seen. He sees things in her that remind him of himself. She's ambitious. She's no-nonsense and she's forthright. She says what it is. Yeah, she's naive, but she's a femme fatale. She's put together well, so he likes all of that.

But I think what Maddy brings out in Alamo were the softer side, the more interesting, the charming, the flirtatious, and even the vulnerable. It didn't last long, but she was able to elicit a different side of him, which I really enjoyed. There was an instant chemistry between us and it didn't feel like acting. She's very spontaneous and humorous and I think that played out in the scenes.

You mentioned earlier how Alamo was defined by never wanting a woman to get one over on him. In the end, it was a man. It was Bishop. Can you take me through what that means, that this person who we thought was loyal for so long had the gall to take out the bullets from the gun?

Well, I mean, I think that Alamo was dead before the bullet of Ali hit him. I think the betrayal killed him. If you rewatch it, there's a hair of a beat where even Ali is not sure. He's surprised. So [Alamo] has a chance to duck or maybe even quickly try to run, tell one of his men to shoot him. But the thing he does is he turns to Bishop and says, "I'll see you [in hell]." He surrenders to his fate in a sense, because it's the betrayal that really kills him. Then the bullet, if anything, saves him and takes him away from that pain. Yeah, he'd been running away from betrayal all his life and it was always within the camp. It's the classic Iago moment, you know. So I think that really is the bullet that killed him.

Netflix

TRENDING NOW

Michelle Buteau (left) is returning to Netflix's **"Survival of the Thickest"** as stylist and designer Mavis Beaumont for its third and final season. Based on Buteau's book of essays, Season 3 of the series will welcome a slew of guest stars, including Garcelle Beauvais, Ashley Graham, and Wanda Sykes.

WHAT'S NEW

ON ACORN TV

"**Harry Wild**," the Season 5 premiere (left).

ON THE CW

"All American: The Final Season Special," a celebration of the series.

Best Bets

What's on Tonight

FANTASY EPIC

The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring: 4 p.m. on TNT. Elijah Wood, Ian McKellen. A young hobbit is pulled into an adventure by a family heirloom.

FAMILY

Inside Out: 4:30 p.m. on FREFRM. Amy Poehler, Bill Hader. Riley tries to cope with anxiety-inducing new experiences after moving to San Francisco.

ADVENTURE

National Treasure: 8 p.m. on AMC. Nicolas Cage, Harvey Keitel. A treasure hunter and a National Archives curator follow clues left on historical documents and landmarks.

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SP = Spectrum, C = Cablevision, F = FiOS Movies Sports New

Evening	SP	C	F	6:30pm	7:00pm	7:30pm	8:00pm	8:30pm	9:00pm	9:30pm	10:00pm	10:30pm	11:00pm	11:30pm
2 WCBS	2	2	2	CBS Evening News	Inside Edition	Entertainment Tonight	The Neighborhood (R)	The Neighborhood (R)	FBI: Long Shot (R)		CIA: Forbidden Eye (R)		CBS News 11pm	(11:35) Comics
4 WNBC	4	4	4	NBC Nightly News	News 4 New York at 7	New York Live	St. Denis Medical (R)	St. Denis Medical (R)	American Ninja Warrior: Western Regional Finals				News 4 New York at 11	(11:35) Tonight Show
5 WNYW	5	5	5	FIFA World Cup Live.	FIFA World Cup Live.	(7:45) 2026 FIFA World Cup: Senegal at Norway from New York/New Jersey Stadium. Live.					The 10 O'Clock News		Good Night New York	Feud Favorites (R)
7 WABC	7	7	7	ABC World News	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune (R)	Celebrity Family Feud: Dancing With The Stars (R)		Celebrity Family Feud: Bobby Flay vs Carla Hall (R)		Celebrity Family Feud: Lainey Wilson (R)		News	(11:35) Kimmel Live
9 WWOR	9	9	9	(6:00) 6 O'Clock News	Family Feud (R)	Family Feud (R)	The News on My 9		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Family Feud (R)	Family Feud (R)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	
11 WPIX	11	11	11	(6:00) PIX11 News at 6	Seinfeld	The Big Bang Theory	Sullivan's Crossing: Healing Hearts		All American: The Final Season Special		PIX11 News at Ten		New York Nightcap	Seinfeld
13 WNET	13	13	13	BBC News America	The PBS News Hour (R)		Antiques Roadshow: Crystal Bridges (R)		Antiques Roadshow: Springs Preserve Hour 1 (R)		Independent Lens: Assembly (R)		Amanpour and Company	
21 WLIW	21	21	21	(6:00) News	Patience: Music in the		Grantchester (R)		Downton Abbey: Part One				BBC News	The Day
25 WNYE	25	22	25	GZero	Azadi	Who She Is	Vanguard W	Her B Idea	Day's Work	Buzz	Start Up	The NYC F	Walkin NYC	Roadtrip
31 WPXN	31	3	531	(6:00) Blue	Chicago P.D.: Hit Me		Chicago P.D.		Chicago P.D.		Chicago P.D.		Chicago P.D.	
41 WXTV	41	6	41	N Univisi	La rosa de Guadalupe		Tan Cerca de Ti, Nace el		Guardián de mi Vida		Hermanas Un Amo		Noticias	N Univisio
47 WNJU	47	16	12	Mundial 26	Mundial	Copa Mundial de FIFA 2026: Senegal vs Norway. Directo.					Mundial	Copa Mundial de FIFA 2026 Directo.		
55 WLNY	55	10	10	Perfect (R)	Last Man	Last Man	News 8pm		48 Hours: For the Love of		Judge Judy	Judge Judy	Neighbor.	Neighbor.
A&E	46	46	181	Live PD (R)	Live PD: Shifts (R)		Live PD: Shifts (R)		Live PD: Greatest Shifts		(10:01) Late Night Law		(11:04) Live PD: Shifts (R)	
AMC	54	43	231	(5:00) Knives Out (2019, Comedy) ★★★½			National Treasure (2004, Adventure) Nicolas Cage. PG ★★★						National Treasure: Book	
BBCAM	71	101	189	GoodFellas	The Wolf of Wall Street (2013, Crime) Leonardo DiCaprio. R ★★★½								Law & Order: Precious	
BET	37	54	270	(6:00) Feud	Celebrity Family Feud		To Be Announced				Martin	Martin	Martin	Martin
BRAVO	18	44	185	Below (R)	Below Deck (R)		Below Deck		McBee Dynasty		Watch What	McBee Dynasty		Below (R)
CNBC	15	24	102	Money	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank	
CNN	78	25	100	(6:00) Lead	Erin Burnett OutFront		Anderson Cooper 360°		The Source with Kaitlan		CNN NewsNight		Laura Coates Live	
COMEDY	45	50	190	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office: A.A.R.M., P 1		The Office	The Office	The Daily Show	
DISC	66	27	120	Contraband	Contraband: Tramadol to		Contraband: Episode 2		(9:01) Body Cam		120 Hours: Leake County		(11:01) 120 Hours (R)	
DISNEY	49	31	250	Big City	Descendants (2015, Family) Dove Cameron. NR ★★½				Descendants 2 (2017, Family) Cameron Boyce. ★★½				Miraculous	Miraculous
E!	24	51	196	Men (R)	Men (R)	Men (R)	Men (R)	Men (R)	Men (R)	Men (R)	Men (R)	Men (R)	Mother (R)	Secrets PG
ESPN	28	36	70	Studio	College World Series: Oklahoma Sooners vs North Carolina Tar Heels. Live.						MLB Baseball: Atlanta Braves at San Diego Padres.			
ESPN2	29	35	74	Welcome	NBA Draft Preview		Athletes Unlimited Softball: Spark vs. Talons Live.				NFL Live		30 for 30	
FBN	43	106	117	Bottom	Kudlow (R)		American Dynasty		American Dynasty		American Dynasty		American Dynasty	
FNC	44	26	118	Spc. Rpt.	The Ingraham Angle		Jesse Watters Primetime		Hannity		Gutfeld!		Special Report	
FOOD	50	97	164	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	BBQ Brawl: Capital City		BBQ Brawl: Primal BBQ		Food Network's Top 10		Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby
FREE	38	49	199	Elemental (2023, Adventure) Leah Lewis. PG ★★★				(8:35) Coco (2017, Adventure) Anthony Gonzalez. PG ★★★½					The 700 Club (R)	
FS1	400	99	83	(6:00) ARCA Racing: Herr's Snacks 200			Indycar NICS Racing Replay.				FIFA World Cup Live.		FIFA World Cup Live.	
FX	10	40	53	Solo (2018)	Avengers: Age of Ultron (2015, Action) Robert Downey Jr. PG-13 ★★★½						Thor: Love and Thunder (2022) Chris Hemsworth. ★★★			
HALL		191	240	All of My Heart: The Wedding (2018)			Wedding Every Weekend (2020) Kimberley Sustad.				Golden	Golden	Golden	Golden
HGTV	64	98	165	Renovation	Renovation Aloha		Renovation Aloha		Battle on the Beach		(10:01) Crashers		Hunters	Hunters
HIST	40	47	128	World War	World War II w. (R)		World War II w. (R)		World War II w.		(10:03) History's Grea.		(11:05) World War II w. (R)	
ID	23	171	123	Mean Girl	Mean Girl Murders		The Curious Case of...		Dead Influence		Lethally Blonde		Deadly Women	
LIFE	62	45	140	Dr. Pimple	Dr. Pimple Popper (R)		Dr. Pimple Popper (R)		Dr. Pimple Popper		(10:03) Dr. Pimple Popper		(11:03) Dr. Pimple Popper	
MeTV	33	33	3	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Andy	Andy	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Golden	Golden	Burnett	P. Mason
MSG	27	87	78	(6:00) NBA Basketball			New York Knicks		New York Knicks		NBA Basketball			
MSG Plus	48	88	80	(6:00) WC Boxing Taped.			Fight Sports: EFC 381 (R)		Fight Sports: WCK 377		NHL Hockey: New York Islanders at Minnesota Wild.			
MSNOW	14	23	103	Ari Melber	The Weeknight		All in with Chris Hayes		Rachel Maddow		Lawrence O'Donnell		The 11th Hour	
MTV	20	53	210	Bang	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Jackass	Jackass	Jackass	Jackass
NATGEO	65	162	121	Katrina (R)	Katrina: Race (R)		Katrina: Race (R)		Titanic Sinks Tonight		Titanic Sinks Tonight		Titanic Digital (R)	
NICK	6	121	252	SpongeBob	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Bang	Bang	Bang	Bang
OWN	173	180	145	Videos	Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos	
PARMT	36	56	54	(6:00) Top Gun: Maverick (2022, Action) Tom Cruise. PG-13 ★★★½					(9:18) Top Gun: Maverick (2022, Action) Tom Cruise, Jennifer Connelly. ★★★½					
SNY	26	60	77	(1:00) To Be Announced: Program information is currently unavailable.									Sports	Sports
SYFY	17	48	180	The Day After Tomorrow (2004, Drama) Dennis Quaid. PG-13 ★★½					Geostorm (2017, Thriller) Gerard Butler. PG-13 ★★½					Knock ★★½
TBS	8	39	52	Bang	Bang	Bang	Bang	Bang	Bang	Bang	Bang	Bang	The Office	The Office
TCM	82	41	230	Deep Valley (1947, Drama) Ida Lupino.			Some Like It Hot (1959, Comedy) Marilyn Monroe. NR				(10:15) The Misfits (1961, Drama) Clark Gable. NR ★★½			
TLC	52	28	139	90 Day (R)	90 Day: Last (R)		90 Day: Last (R)		(9:02) Little Singles		(10:02) 90 Day: Last		(11:01) 90 Day Diaries (R)	
TNT	3	37	51	(4:00) Fellowship of the Ring (2001)			The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers (2002, Fantasy) Elijah Wood. PG-13 ★★★★							
TVLAND	85	34	241	Andy	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	(9:20) Loves Raymond		Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Queens	Queens
USA	16	38	50	SVU: Fight	Law & Order: SVU		WNBA Basketball: Phoenix Mercury at Indiana Fever. Live.					Everything	Law & Order: SVU: Mask	
VH1	19	52	217	Love Miami	Love Hip Hop: A Ride (R)		Love Hip Hop (R)		The Impact Atlanta (R)		The Impact Atlanta (R)		The Impact Atlanta (R)	
WE	59	42	149	Minds	Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds	
YES	53	89	76	(5:00) To Be Announced		To Be Announced: Program information is currently unavailable.						Sportico	To Be Announced	
HBO	511	301	400	Last Week	(7:10) Of the Dragon (R)		How to Make a Killing (2026, Drama) Glen Powell. R				(10:07) They Will Kill You (2026, Horror)			Dragon (R)
MAX	531	371	420	Pan (2015, Adventure) Hugh Jackman.			(8:07) Mickey 17 (2025, Comedy) Robert Pattinson, Steven Yeun. R					(10:24) Oracle (2023) R		Hidden ★★★
MGM Plus	595		395	(6:00) A Working Man (2025, Action) R			From: The Calm Before		Billy Kid	(9:50) Billy the Kid			(10:40) Mission: Impossible Final (2025)	
PARSHO	551	321	365	The Hurricane (2000, Drama) Denzel Washington. R ★★★½					The Chi: Dead of Winter		Homefront (2013) Jason Statham. R ★★★			Cheech and

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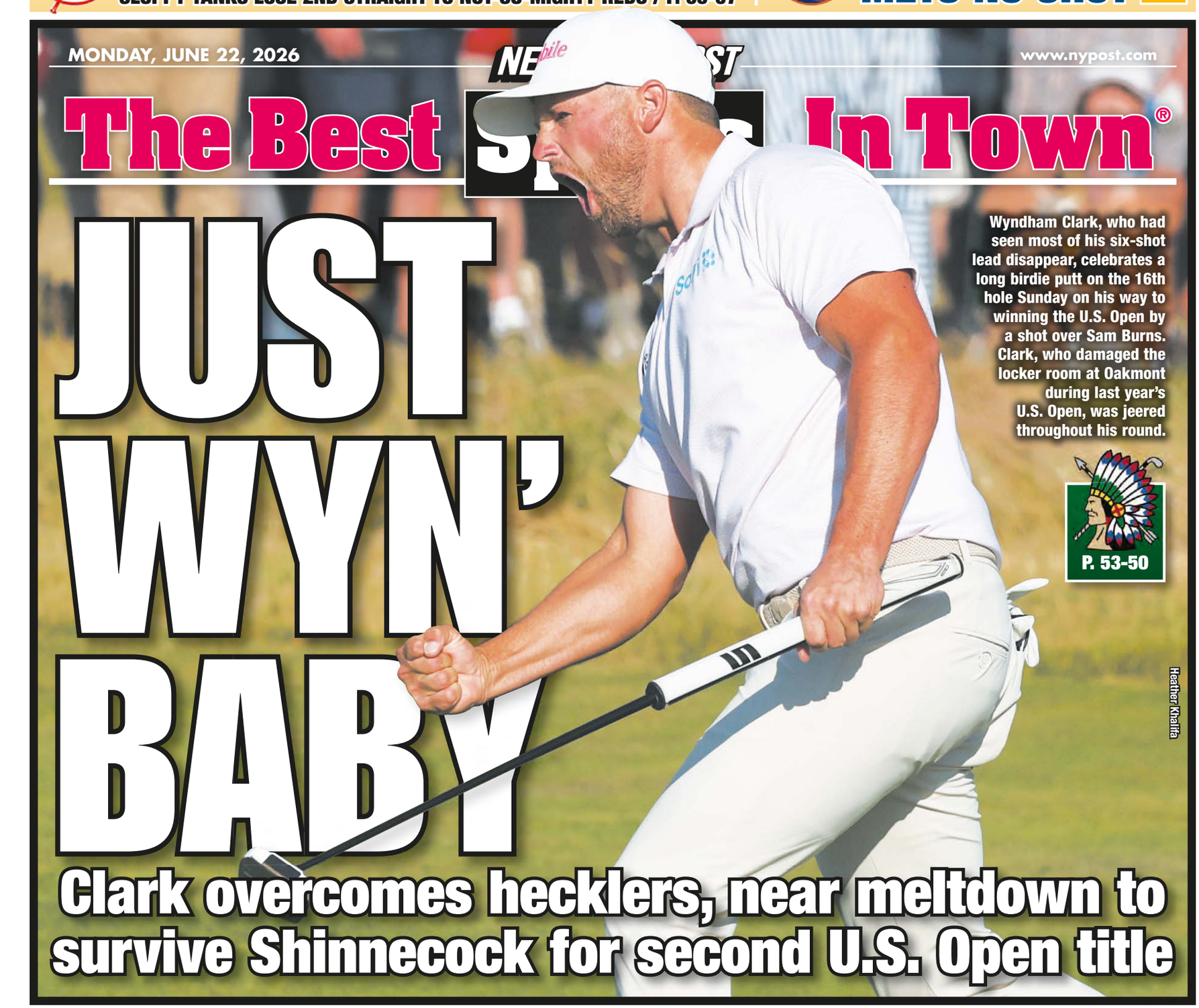

Wyndham Clark, who had seen most of his six-shot lead disappear, celebrates a long birdie putt on the 16th hole Sunday on his way to winning the U.S. Open by a shot over Sam Burns. Clark, who damaged the locker room at Oakmont during last year's U.S. Open, was jeered throughout his round.

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